

Abu Mazen calls for state at final status talks

IN a ceremonial opening last night in Taba, Israel and the PLO met to mangurate the third and final stage of their negotiations, which began with Oslo 1 three years ago and are expected to end with a permanent peace agreement by

The delegation heads, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir, and PLO top negotiator Mahmoud Ahbas (Abu Mazen), both spoke of the promise of the future and the end of past conflicts.

"We do not have 'the right of return' to the past," Savir said, using a phrase central to both Israeli and Palestinian

Both men also referred to terror as belonging to the past.

Savir called for political separation to encourage mutual cooperation and respect. It is necessary to break down "psychological walls" because what is impor-tant "is not just mutual recognition but mutual acquaintance," he said.

He made one overtly political statement, asserting that Jerusalem will remain the eternal, united capital of Israel, while Abhas called on Israel to remove obstacles to a Palestinian state next to

The two delegation heads met for more than two hours before making their

"This meeting is very symbolic. Its importance is to show that Israel and the Palestinians respect their agreements and have started the talks on time," said Nabil Shaath, Palestinian Authority planning minister.

The time leading up to the start of substantial Osln 3 talks sometime after the May 29 elections is seen as the last chance for implementing unfinished business from Osln 1 and 2, such as the establishment of safe passages between Gaza and the West Bank and redeployment from Hebron.

"According to the Declaration of Prin-

ciples we are not allowed to transfer issues from the transitional period to the final stage," negotiator Saeh Erekat told

the Al-Ayyam daily yesterday.

The final stage of the process will deal with six issues specifically identified in the DOP and with "other issues of common interest" - such as water - over a

period of np to three years.

An agenda is to be established with committees to deal with these issues, hut no one is expecting fast progress. As both delegation heads said, there will be a time of getting better acquainted in order to make the psychological hreakthrough necessary for the important challenges ahead.

The three most important and ideologically charged issues are Jerusalem, set-tlements, and 1948 refugees. The three others - security arrangements, borders, and relations with neighbors - are more

PRIME Minister Shimon

time next week, Peres said.

no cabinet, and no ministerial

team negotiating with the Pales-

tinians," Sarid charged, demand-

ing that the withdrawal take place

and worse - to threats ... from settlers, orchestrated by [Likud

MK] Ariel Sharon and [former

Kach activist] Baruch Marzel,"

"This is not true. The govern-

Sarid added.

"The impression is that the

now, not after the elections.

yesterday.

Hebron.

technical and will largely follow the contours of the solutions to the other three

Informal talks have already begun on Jerusalem and settlements, while the issue of 1967 refugees bas been discussed for the past year. At this point they stand as such:

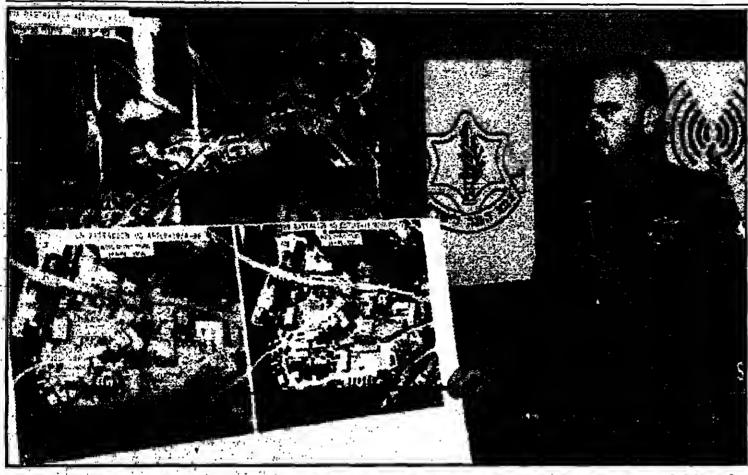
 Jerusalem – Israel says Jerusalem is its eternal undivided capital. The Palestinians say Jerusalem is their capital too, but are willing to take the Arab-populated parts only and keep the city undivided physically. Some of these Arah neighborhoods are outside of the Jerusalem municipal borders and are already in area B, under partial Palestinian control. The Islamic holy places are under the control the Wakf, so the talks are not starting from zero.

 Settlements – The most important question is how many settlements if any will be annexed to Israel, and how many will come under Palestinian control, thus

determining Israel's final borders. Will settlers in settlements which are not annexed be allowed to remain where they are as Israeli citizens and as permanent residents under a Palestinian administration? Will they be subject to Palestinian

law if they stay?

Although radicals demand the removal of all settlers, many moderate Palestinians have spoken in support of leaving settlers where they are if they accept Palestinian rule up to the 1967 borders. Behind the apparent moderate stand is an assumption that most settlers will leave rather than accept Palestinian rule. Refugees from 1948 – How many refugees will be accepted into the areas un-der Palestinian control and into Israel itself? Talks on Palestinians who fled in 1967 or were outside the country during the Six Day War have revolved around the issue of who is a refugee. Palestinian figures are some four times greater than



Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i points to aerial photographs during yesterday's press briefing after the release of the IDF's report on the Kafr Kana tragedy.

IDF inquiry into Kana shelling: We didn't know refugees were there

THE IDF yesterday said its final inquiry into the Kana shelling, which killed more than 190 Lebanese refugees, showed the accident happened because of miscalculations, but insisted the bombardment was necessary to halt mortar

and Katyasha fire on an army unit. Pointing to black-and-white aerial photographs of the Kana UN base, before and after the IDF shelling, Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i completely denied reported UN findings that the IDF knew civilians had sought refuge in the camp and had deliberately. fired on them.

"We did not know there were refugees there," insisted Vilna'i. "We had no intention of hitting the UN camp. Hizbullah knew this and placed its mortar and Katyusha lanncher very close to the

The inquiry said one artillery battery fired 15 rounds at the Katyusha launcher, but most of the rounds hit an open field less than 100 meters from the target. A second battery also fired 15 rounds, but aimed at a mortar position, which the army said was from 250 meters to 290 meters from the camp.

This distance would normally be too

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close for approval to open fire. But OC Northern Command Maj:-Gen. Amiram Levine said the order was given since it was a life-threatening situation.

reported that mortar shells were falling 40 meters from his men and getting closer," Levine said. "I sent these soldiers there, and my first consideration was to hring them home safely - and we did."

details. It came back with details of two mistakes which ultimately led to the direct

The inquiry revealed that the IDF bad miscalculated the exact place of the UN camp in Kana and had also failed to take into account its relatively large size, some 200 meters by 100 meters. This meant that the base was really less than 100 meters from the mortar. The 155mm shells are considered deadly within a 500-meter

According to the inquiry, two shells hit

structures on the UN hase and up to five shells may bave fallen within the

perimeter. Vilna'i said the IDF only had general information about the number of refugees in south Lehanon, adding that UNIFIL refused to give it more accurate accounts of where they were seeking sanctuary. He said the IDF estimated some 5,000 were in 130 camps, hut admitted most were likely

in 14 large ones, including Kana. "This was a rescue situation and we had to in a matter of a few minntes understand what was gning on, give the orders, and take the measures to stop the enemy fire," Vilna'i said.

He said no "no personal conclusions." a enphemism for heing relieved of command, were planned regarding the Kana affair.

Vilna'i said overcast weather prevented the use of aircraft or attack helicopters and that an unmanned reconnaissance plane. which was in the area but on a different mission, could not focus on Kana. Photographs taken two days before the April 18 shelling showed a virtually empty hase, and the generals said they had no way of knowing refugees had sought sanetuary inside.

expansion in Hebron BATSHEVA TSUR

Peres: No Jewish

Peres does not intend to allow ment will stand by its committhe Jewish community in Hement to the Olso accords," Peres bron to expand its presence in reportedly replied.

the city. "There will be no changes in the status quo in The redeployment will be coordinated with the Palestinians, Hebron, and I will not allow he added, saying Foreign Minisadditions to buildings," Peres try Director-General Uri Savir reportedly told the cabinet would meet with Palestinian Mahmoud Abbas (Ahu Mazen) and OC Central Command Maj. He was responding to a de-Gen. Uzi Dayan would discuss mand from Environment

Minister Yossi Sarid that the Authority police chief. government make political Israel is also keeping in touch decisions about the future of with the Palestinians over the deployment of the international The cabinet or the security cab-

the situation with the Palestinian

peacekeeping force, he said. The overriding factor in the de-cision not to withdraw before the inet will discuss the issue some "The prime minister discusses elections has been security, Peres things with the army, and decides stressed. There have been realone. There is no government, peated warnings of impending

terrorist attacks. General Security Service bead Ami Ayalon, however, discounted a report in Ma'ariv that some half a dozen suicide bombers are already inside Israeli territory

government gives in to pressure waiting to act. Security sources added later in the day that there is no factual evidence to back up the Ma'ariv report. They said that some of those identified in the report are in the Gaza Strip or are being

held hy the Palestinian Police. Meanwhile, Peres has distributed copies of the official English text of the PNC's resolutions on the Palestinian Covenant, sent to him hy PA President Yasser Arafat, to the cahinet.

Describing it as a "historic resolution," Arafat wrote to Peres in an accompanying letter that 'the [covenant] is hereby amended by canceling the provisions that are contrary to the letters exchanged between the PLO and the government of Israel."

The decision to amend the charter was taken at a session of the PNC in Gaza nn April 22-25, be said.

The text reads: "The Palestinian National Council, at its 21st session beld in the city of Gaza ... decides:

"1. The Palestine National Charter is berehy amended by canceling the articles that are contrary to the letters exchanged between the PLO and the government of Israel on 9-10 September 1993.

"2. Assigns its legal committee with the task of redrafting the Palestinian National Charter in order to present it to the first session of the Palestine central council."

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"The commander on the ground

The IDF inquiry was conducted by Chief Artillery Officer Brig.-Gen. Dan Harel. The initial version was rejected last week by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who sent it back for more

hit on the refugees.

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Kibbutz movements approve debt repayment arrangement GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE United Kibbutz Movement and Kibbutz Artzi yesterday voted to approve the supplementary kibbutz debt arrangement.
The heads of the kibbutz

movements recommended approving the agreement unconditionally, saying it offers a solution

to the debt problem. During the last few weeks, both movements have been making preparations for the voting by informing members about the arrangement. UKM voted 192-8 in favor of the agreement, while only 60 percent of Ribbutz Artzi



voted in favor. The agreement will be signed in Tel Aviv today in the presence of Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and the heads of the banks.

Baisheva Tsur adds: The cabinet yesterday held a heated debate on the kibbutz debt, with ministers Yossi Sarid. Shimon Shetreet, Ya'acov Tzur and Moshe Shahal demanding a thorough investigation of the Procaccia Report, which alleges the commercial banks over-

charged kibbntzim over the Shohat retorted that whoever wanted could test the report in court. It was decided to hand the matter over to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair for investigation and his opinion is expected

Jerusalem Arabs refusing to form neighborhood councils

THE Jerusalem Municipality-affiliated Association of Community Councils is moving ahead with plans to set up neighborhood councils in Arab parts of the city.

However, the Arab neighborhoods in which the authorities were counting on forming councils in the near future are refusing to accede to the plan. Isawiya, the most talked about neighborhood, has rejected the idea, com-

munity leaders said. Community councils exist in several Jewish and Arab neighborhoods and are aimed at improving local municipal services. They have long been considered a possible way to meet Palestinian demands for control in their parts of the city.

"The start of the final status talks has not affected us for good or for bad," said Zvika Chemi-

chovsky, association director. "We hope to present a plan for the establishment of additional neighborhood councils in both east and west Jerusalem after the

"There have been people, such as Minister Yossi Beilin, who have tried to give the neighborhood councils political meaning. But that has nothing to do with our work."

Former mayor Teddy Kollek first raised the possibility of autonomy in Arah neighborhoods in the late 1980s in his much publicized "borough plan." Palestinian leaders rejected the idea, demanding sovereignty. Since then, the emphasis in creating new neighborhood councils has been placed on their importance on the

local level. (Continued on Page 2)

Christopher acknowledges Israel's right to self-defense

THE Prime Minister's Office yesterday published the text of the letter US Secretary of State Warren Christopher wrote to Prime Minister Shimon Peres regarding the understanding Israel, Syria, and Lebanon signed on April 26. The text was presented to the ministers at yesterday's

"With regard to the right of selfdefense ... the United States understands that if Hizbullah or any other group in Lebanon acts inconsistently with the principles of the understanding or launches attacks on Israeli forces in Lebanon, whether that attack has taken the form of firing, ambushes, suicide attacks, road explosives, or any other attack, Israel

THE Golan Regional Council

yesterday launched a campaign

to hring 1,000 new residents to

the region by the end of the sum-

Council chairman Yehuda

Wolman said the campaign was

part of a program to contioue

developing the region and boost-

ing its populatioo, He said there

are 250 homes on area moshav-

im and kihbutzim which are

ready for almost immediate

ranging in size from 60 square

meters to 70 sq.m., many of them

up to half a dunam of land,

would be sold for NIS 140,000-

NIS 180,000. He noted that

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peace process," Arafat added in

issue at the cahinet meeting.

The chairmao of the PNC legal

committee, Faisal Hamdi Husseini, saidyesterday that 21

articles of the Palestinian Covenant had been canceled or

changed in the new covenant,

which will he prepared within

Husseini, not to be confused

with Jerusalem PLO chief Faisal

Husseini, has been empowered

to draft the new covenant. This

is the first time that a senior

PNC official has stated exactly

how many articles in the 33-

article covenant are to be

"Arafat's letter to Peres is as

The letter arrived 10 days too

valuahle as a chick-pea skin,"

Likud MK Ze'ev Bioyamin

late and after the statement of

the chief of military intelligence

which intimated that the gov-

ernment is now bargaining with

NAZARETH District Court yes-

terday sentenced two men from

the Jenin area to 14 years' impris-

onment for trying to kidnap a sol-dier from the Tishhi junction, near

Migdal Ha'emek, as he was trying

to hitchhike home.

Jamil Ziad, 40, and Walid

Misharka, 31, pulled up to the

hitchhiking station where Ofer

Vaknin was waiting on September

21. When Vaknin approached the

car to ask where they were going,

Ziad got out of the car, pushed

Vaknin to the ground, and aimed

his letter to Peres.

three months.

amended.

Soroh Honig odds:

Begin said yesterday.

We remain committed to the

No dehate was held oo the

He added that the homes,

retains the right in response to take appropriate self-defense measures against the armed groups responsible for the attack," Christopher writes in his letter

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dated April 30. "With regard to the prohibitions on the use of certain areas as launching grounds for attacks, the US uoderstands that the prohibition refers oot only to the firing of weapons, hut also to the use of

attacks," he adds. Meanwhile, Hizhullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah was quoted in Britain's Independent yesterday as saying that he did oot

many of the potential huyers

would be eligible for loans and

grants that would cover most of

the purchase price. "The Golan

is a great area and there are many

advantages for those who want

to come and live here, although I

won't deceive them, they will have to work hard," said

absurd situation here, as this

government has been the one to

support absorptioo of newcom-

ers and the development of the

region," said Wolman, "At the

same time, I'm sorry that the

government is broadcasting

something else which is some-

Arafat over phraseology which

will be retroactively presented

as the decision of the

"Yet even io this improved,

touched-up version, not a single

number of a single anti-Oslo

clause of the PLO charter is

specified. This means that oot a

single clause had in fact heen

"I am only sorry that Peres caved into [Yossi] Sarie's dic-

tates," He hroo settlement head

Peace Now issued a statement saying that it "welcomes the government's decision to con-

vene the security cahinet to dis-cuss the withdrawal from

Hebron, and calls upoo the

members of the cabinet to act

responsibly and ensure that Israel fulfills its part of the Oslo

The statement went on to say

that on the day when final status

talks started in Taha, Israel must

show that it will fulfill its com-

Jon Immonuel contributed to

The two began struggling, and

Ziad managed to take Vaknin's rifle, while Vaknin got Ziad's gun.

Misharka then drove away and

Ziad attempted to flee on foot, but

was caught by security guards

Misharka was caught by police

Misharka also was sentenced to

two additional years for stealing a

gun from Mevo Dotan, where he

had been employed as a construc-

The Family

who had arrived at the scene.

a month later.

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Golan regional

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these areas by armed groups as

bases from which to carry out the

expect the cease-fire's safeguarding of civilians to last.

"I feel that the military people in Israel are not satisfied with this understanding and will not respect it," Nasrallah said. "As for us, we are going to comply because it protects our civilians.

Hizbullah's leader said his men would abide by the truce terms banning attacks on civilians, But the eease-fire did not outlaw attacks on Israeli forces in the security zone, Nasrallah said.

In a jibe at Washington's support for Israel, he also claimed that US President Bill Clinton had personally decided Israel should launch Operation Grapes of Wrath during the anti-terrorism summit at Sharm e-Sheikh in March.

Peretz: 'Davar Rishon' may close Wednesday

Rishon and Telegraph newspapers is not closed by Wednesday, the Histadrut will close Davar Rishon down, Histadrut Chairman MK

were scheduled to appear as one evening newspaper today, but the joint publication was put off due to ohstacles in the negotiations between Davar Rishon's workers'

The bone of contention focuses on the union's demand that all the workers of the new newspaper be employed on a collective wage agreement, including Telegraph's workers, who are employed on personal contracts

Zinger-Barnea investment group, which purchased Davar Rishon a few months ago, have not yet completed the dealtransferring the newspaper's ownership.

terday that he bopes the negotiations will be completed by Wednesday, and criticized the Histadrut for oot supporting Davar Rishon's workers in their demand for a collective wage agreement.

Syria rejects Christopher accusation

"bias" in favor of Israel, and warned Washington that it woold face trouble in the region if it continues such policies.

Christopher had told The Los

Angeles Times he is oo longer sure that Assad would carry out his "strategic decision" to make peace

ARRIVALS

Hebron buildings

however, revealed plans to squat. in some 10 properties in Hebroo in a radio interview over the weekend. He said he did this to gauge the response.

of squatting in

Amon said that over the last few weeks the settlement has received support from all the religious and oppositioo parties, which he claimed translates into support by "majority of Jews in Israel."

He said that the reason Prime Minister Shimon Peres has not given the green light for the redeployment is because "be also understands that there is support" for the Jewish community in

(Continued from Page 1) We are only trying to create. a better way to govern the city." Chemichovsky said. "It's up to the city's residents whether they

someooe closer to home. He cited Isawiya as an Arab neighborhood that "is on its way to form a council." But Darwish Darwish, head of the Isawiya Village Committee, formed four years ago with the encouragement of City Hall, said mittee isn't interested in becom-

We are iodependent, and that's the way we want to remaio," Darwish said. "We don't receive our salaries from the Municipality. All we do is work to make sure the Municipality gives our village what it deserves io the way of

Palestinian sources said vil-

The go-ahead to set up the committees was originally giveo hy Faisal Husseini, the senior PLO official in

figures. Some Palestinian figures accept the idea of compensation for most refugees if the principle of return is accepted.

TABA

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To solve these three issues in a way satisfactory to a majority of Israelis and Palestinians will take immense flexibility.

Faisal Husseini, who was recently elected to the PLO executive council, has entertained the idea of joint Israeli-Palestinian citizenship for Jerusalem Arah resideots, which points to the idea of dual citizenship for settlers.

Both ideas will require a major recasting of personal political and ideological identi-

However, for Palestinians the hottom line is a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. "This is the only right, healthy, and logical solution," Erekat

COUNCILS interest in forming councils., councils, but this could not be confirmed.

Yossi Coben, Mayor Ehud Olment's adviser on neighborbood affairs, said he recently had met with members of the Isawiya Village Committee and thatthey continued to present interest in becoming a council because of the additional fund-

In a related development,

Hebron settlement spokesman

David Wilder denied reports of

new building in the Beit Romano

complex.

He said that the construction -

all with the necessary permits -

has been going on for a number of

years, and is part of an effort to

renovate the huilding for the

The yeshiva moved to the com-

plex from a huilding oear the Machpela Cave in 1994, and cur-

reotly has some 200 studeots. The

renovations, Wilder said, will

make it possible for the yeshiva to

Shavei Hebron Yeshiva...

house some 500 students.

ing it would mean. There are many Arah oelgh-

We bave had to turn them down for now because of our own financial constraints." Cohen He said the peace talks had

also not effected the city's work with the three existing Arah neighhorhood councils -Beit Hanina, A-Tur, and Beit

"Our ooly interest is to find ways to improve city services by iovolving local neighbor-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Three killed in accidents yesterday Two people were killed and four slightly injured yesterday morning in a head-on collision between a van and bus near Mazkeret Batya.

Bat Yam resident Ilana Hahimi, 43, died early yesterday moming at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva several hours after the car she had been riding in hit a light pole oo the Petah Tikva-Rosh Ha'ayin road near Afek Park. The driver, who police suspect was drunk, is in stable condition after being operated on at the same hospital.

Gidawi's stabber sentenced to 12 years lyad Salah, 22, of Hehroo, who stabbed Nissim Gidawi, 72, io the city's cashah oo Wednesday, was sentenced to 12 years' hard labor by a Palestinian security court in Jericho yesterday. Palestinian security sources said Salah had fled to Bethlebern, where he was tracked down and arrested.

He was tried quickly, sources said, to prevent a request for extradition by Israel. Under the terms of the Oslo accords, extradition cannot be sought if the criminal has already been tried by the Palestinian Authority. Technical reasons delay bus, planes to Jordan

Technical reasons," not security considerations, were the reason for the delay of both regular hus service and El Al flights to Jordan, official spokesmen said yesterday. The bus service between Israel and Jordan was to have begun at

the beginning of the month, and the inaugural El Al flight to Amman was to have taken place on May 19. The start of hus service has been delayed for a month and El Al has oot yet named a new date for its inaugural flight. Hoim Shapiro



National Headquarters

the help of the public in its efforts to identify the body of a man who was found in Nahai Ayalon on April 26, 1996.

Description: old, height 170 cm., build medium, hair black, partially bald.

track suit.



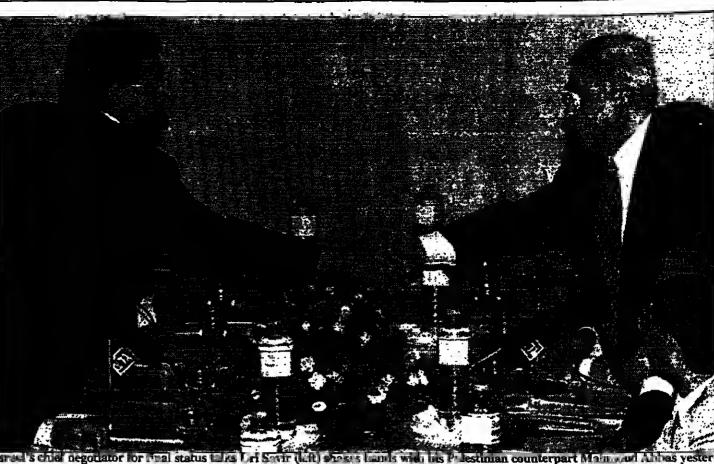
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HEBRON and Kiryat Arba settle-

ment leaders yesterday decided to

temporarily shelve plans to squat

in abandoned Jewish property. in

various parts of Hebron, out of

coocern this would harm their

"Our goal oow is to consolidate

efforts to gain public support.

favorable public opinion,"

Hebron settlemeot head Noam

Amon said. "An operation like

this would not have enough public

support, so we decided to put it

The pattern in the past has been

that when settlement activists

stake a claim to a hill or aban-

doned structure, they did it with-

out previous warning. Arnon,

A lame-duck

Peres could

still

carry out

redeployment

Settlers drop idea MICHAL YUDELMAN

IF the deal to merge the Davar Amir Peretz said yesterday.

Davar Rishon and Telegraph

union and management.

In addition, the Histadrut and the

Davar Rishon journalists' union chairman Efraim Davidi said yes-

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Syria yesterday rejected remarks by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher doubting President Hafez Assad's intention to make peace with Israel. The official oewspaper

Tishreen also condemned US

For the meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University.

Simon and Elena Revah Kabelli-Venezuela, to a lecture in his hornor.

Hillo and Klara Ostfeld-Venezuela- to the inauguration of the Venezuela Hall.

Dora Kaufmann - Venezuela- to the inauguration of the Venezuela Hall.

Leon Coben - Venezuela Hall.

Elizabeth Mundlak- Venezuela- to the inauguration of the Venezuela Hall.

HERB KEINON IF Prime Minister Shimoo Peres delays redeployment from Hebron until immediate-

ly after the electioos, theo loses the election, he would still have authority to carry out the redeployment, Claude Klein, a Hehrew University professor of constitutional law said yesterday.
"Its would be very strange,

but the government would have the authority to carry out the redeployment," Klein said. He said the Basic Law: Government gives a transitional government the same powers as a regular govern-

While in the past transitional governments have lasted for up to seven months, under the new electoral system a govemment must be formed within 45 days of the official publication of the results, or oew elections will be held. Klein said there is no prece-

dent of a transitional government carrying out a policy as controversial as the Hebron redeployment.

want to be governed only by Safra Square [City Hall] or by

ing a council.

Village committees were set : up io a number of Arab communities in the early 1990s with the hope they would later become councils. They coordinate local development projects, but have no official relationship with the Municipality.

services."

lage committees in Kafr Akab, Jehel Mukaber, and Ras el-Amud have also put plans to become oeighhorhood couocils on hold because of the final status talks with the Palestinian Authority.

Jerusalem. PA leaders are apparently behind the refusal to form

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The Jerusalem Post Monday, May 6, 1996

Ramon complains of Likud collusion with settler council

terday filed a complaint with the Central Elections Committee claiming that the Likud is violating election laws by allowing the Council of Jewish Communities in Jodes, Samaria, and Gaza to place advertisements on its

behalf. Interior Minister Haim Ramon told a press conference in the Knesser the Likud had created a situation in which MKs from the Liked joint list are raising funds for settlements and, in return, the council is running its advertising LIAT COLLINS

Ramon charged that apart from the dubious situation in which the council and the party are beholden to each other, the Likud is using the council to get around the ban

on foreign campaign funding. He accused Binyamin Netanyahu, Rafael Eitan, and Ariel Sharon of fundraising for or supporting the fundraising events of the council.

Most of his complaint focused on newspaper advertisements which, though unsigned, he said come from the council. The ads

carried the flower logo associated with the council and the slogan, "You can be sure. I'm sure of the national camp. Netanyahu for prime minister.

Ramon said the use of the word "sure" - a central theme in the Likud's campaign - showed the two were connected and added that for the past two elections Likud material bad referred to

"the national camp." Ramon denied that the situation was similar to that of the left-wing organizations Efshar and A Whole

Generation Demands Peace. which have published material clearly favoring Shimon Peres. Ramon said Labor is not involved in these groups and is not providing them with funds.

MK Limor Livnat head of the Likud's campaign, said the slogan "the national camp" does not belong to her party.

A council spokesman said the phrase was chosen specifically to appeal to supporters from different parties, including the National Religious Party, and to stop Netanyahu from using it.

CEC approves 21 parties running in elections

TWENTY-ONE parties will participate in the May 29 elections. The Central Elections Committee vesterday approved the parties, their lists, platforms, names, and initials for the ballot slip.

A few minor changes were made to the lists after some candidates failed to meet all of the criteria and others resigned.

Nine of the parties are veterans of the outgoing knesset. The others are either new parties or ones created by MKs who broke away

from their factions. Among them, The Third Way

was granted the letters "Hey Daled" (Hed); Yemin Yisrael took the letters "Yud Daled" (Yad); The Settlements' Party "Daled Nun" (Dan); MK Yosef Azran's Telem Emunah "Taf"; Ahmed Tibi's Arab Unity for Progress and Renewal "Nun"; Gil, the Pensioners Party, "Peh"; Natan Sharansky's Yisrael Ba'aliya, "Caf Nun" (Ken); and MK Ephraim Gur's Unity for Aliya, "Kuf." The last letter once

(Hadash), but the party is now using the letter "Vav."

The guessing game over the ini-Tsomer-Gesher list proved a waste of time. The list will stick with "Mem, Het, Lamed" (Mahal), used in the past by the Likud.

None of the veteran parties is changing its initials on the ballot slip. Labor's letters are "Alef, Mem. Tet" (Emet).

Party political broadcasts will

Meretz: We won't refrain from attacking Netanyahu

MERETZ leaders said yesterday that they intend to launch a campaign attacking Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, following their disappointment with Labor's decision to shelve the negative campaign it had prepared against Netanyahu and refrain from striking at him too strongly.

Sources from Meretz's campaign staff said. "even if Labor is not going to take its kid gloves off in [dealing with] Netanyahu, there is no reason we should do the same."

Labor's Young Guard campaign chairman, Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr, said vesterday be had ruled out various personal attacks proposed by Young Guard leaders against Netanyahu. This is

in keeping with Labor's information campaign policy not "to hit below the belt." He added that while many Likud

MICHAL YUDELMAN

supporters themselves may think Netanyahu is unsuitable and consider supporting Prime Minister Shimon Peres, "hitting at their leader in a nasty way will be taken as hitting at their self-respect and boomerang.

Orr also said he forbade Young Guard activists to distribute Labor T-shirts to Galilee residents in shelters during Operation Grapes of Wrath, When there's a war on it is inappropriate to conduct political activity," Orr said.

Meanwhile, Labor and Meretz signed a surplus vote agreement in the Knesset yesterday, as they did in the 1992 elections.

Meretz campaign heads yesterday released the party's campaign jingle, a Middle Eastern rendition of "The Song for Peace" by Zehava Ben, accompanied by Dana Berger.

The word "Meretz" is not in the jingle, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein explained, because "the people we are addressing want more than mere propaganda, they want a little sophistication, and a more original statement, as befit-

Criticism in Labor of 'soft' campaign line against Netanyahu

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR Party campaign sources yesterday expressed dissatisfaction with what they called the "soft line" the party's campaign information head, Minister Haim Ramon, is taking vis-a-vis Likud leader Binyamin Neranyahu.

The fear among the Labor leadership is that unless the campaign launches a stronger attack on Netanyahu, the floating votes will TO the Likito leaguer. L'out now Labor's campaign heads had agreed that the best campaign was Prime Minister Shimon Peres's daily achievements and actions, which led the news and made headlines.

However, a survey conducted for Labor last week indicated the narrowing of the gap between Peres and Netanyahu to 3 percent. The survey's results triggered off an exchange of accusations yesterday between Ramon's staff and that of Peres's personal campaign head, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak.

The survey excluded three large

sectors: Arabs; immigrants; and hatedim. But Labor's comprehensive surveys all indicate a steady gap of 5% to 6% in Peres's favor.

Sources from the information campaign accused Barak of leaking the results of the internal survey to the press, noting his lack of experience in conducting a political campaign and pointing out that he is not familiar with political surveys.

Sources from Barak's c headquarters accused the information campaign of "childish" behavior and suggested that each campaign staff concentrate on its own affairs.

Labor's television campaign broadcasts, which begin on Wednesday, will be in the format of a news program, in which Peres will speak of his commitment to make peace with the Arab world and the way he and late prime minister

Yitzhak Rabin pursued this goal

One of Labor's campaign broadcasts will "expose" the Likud's alleged plan to invest NIS 13 billion in settlements in the territories if Netanyahu wins the elections. Other broadcasts will present Netanyahu as an unsuitable candidate for prime minister, using quotes from senior Likud figures and Likud supporters.

en neads nave also decided that if the Likud uses video clips of terrorist attacks in its campaign broadcasts, they will present clips of the Likud's violence at demonstrations before Rabin's assassination.

Labor's Young Guard intends to follow up the "Bibi is unsuitable" slogan it created with a campaign casting doubt on Netanyahu's Zionist inclinations.



Yisrael Ba'aliya Knesset candidates Natan Sharansky (right), Yuli Edelstein, (left), and Yuri Shtern pose outside the party trailer, which left Jerusalem yesterday morning on a swing around the country to describe the government's failures in providing housing

Yisrael Ba'aliya unveils housing program

YISRAEL Ba'aliya unveiled its should be able to purchase his conference yesterday. The plan calls for a dramatic decrease in construction of small rental apart-

land and the value added tax considered a standing loan, which

The plan also calls for 6,000 The party said every Israeli bousing units of 36 square meters

to 48 sq.m. to be built yearly on for the first five years should be housing plan at a Jerusalem press first apartment with the cost of the state land and rented for no more than \$200 a month. The cost, said to be \$180 million a year, would of bonds to be sold abroad.

Rental bousing must also be built, the plan said, and the rent

AN attempt to ensure a clean electoral campaign through a code of

behavior initiated by Tsomet Youth was marred yesterday by

squabbles between Left and Right.
The signing ceremony took place in the Knesset in the pres-

ence of Central Elections

Committee chairman Justice

Theodor Orr. Oshik Azoulai, of

Tsomet Youth, said the group

decided to draw up the agreement

after they saw the direction the campaign is taking and that many of the activists on the street are

Representatives from the

younger generations of the Likud.

National Religious Party, and Moledet all praised the agree-

The representative of Labor

Youth, Dana Oren, was the first to spoil the party by accusing the right-wing parties of saying one thing and doing the opposite.

She accused their activists of physically attacking left-wingers and described the code as an

and described the code as an

Tom Wagner, of Meretz Youth, initially refused to sign the document, saying it was "like signing an agreement to drink water."

attempt to mislead the public.

counted against the purchase cost, should the tenant decide at that otan also recommended certain changes in planning and

building laws.

Eventually all the parties swore

to run a clean campaign and

eschew violence.

Young activists pledge clean election campaign

LIAT COLLINS.

THE gap between Binyamin Netanyahu and Shimon Peres has when his grasp of reality is so flawed." narrowed, the Likud said yesterday.

Likud: Netanyahu

ahead among Jews

among the Jewish population, but the Arab vote gives Peres a slight "But things are so close that it is possible to upset this Peres lead. Right now it is literally neck-andneck," she said, noting polls com-missioned by the newspapers and Likud surveys.

Party information drive head Limor

Livnat said Netanyahu has a lead

An internal Labor poll showed Peres sliding in the lewish sector to a point where he is reportedly tied with Netanyahu. The Likud said that should Labor target Netanyahu for personal attacks in its upcoming TV com-

mercials, it would return play the same game. Among the slogans likely to be featured in the Likud broadcasts are "Peres is cut off from reality" and "It is dangerous to put a man like Peres at the helm to put a man like Peres at the helm,

TV election commercials begins on Wednesday, when Knesset candidates will be barred from regular news programs.

ing been able to get a side-by-side appearance for Netanyahu with Peres on tonight's Popolitika. This is considered a mini-debate, though the two candidates will be interviewed separately. Peres had previously refused to appear on any TV or radio program on which Netanyahu was also to be featured. He would not even grant an interview unless assured that one would

This afternoon, Netanyahu is slated to meet with 15 former supporters of the Left who have decided to endorse his candidacy. The group includes Profs, Yehoshua Porat and Yuval Steinmetz, kibbutzniks, moshavniks, new immi-

No charms for supporters

FOLLOWING complaints haredi parties intend to prepare a pre-election kit with charms and blessings for supporters, Central Elections Committee chairman Justice Theodor On warned that trying to influence voters by promises of blessings or curses carries a fiveyear prison sentence. Liat Collins



The Likud was gratified in hav-

not be sought from Netanyahu. grants, and Arabs.

Arutz 7 to stop political broadcasts

ARUTZ 7 will stop broadcasting political material next week, after reaching an understanding with the Central Elections Committee yesterday.

A discussion on the subject took place following a complaint by the Labor Party, which said the pirate radio station had broadcast several campaign spots for right-wing parties.

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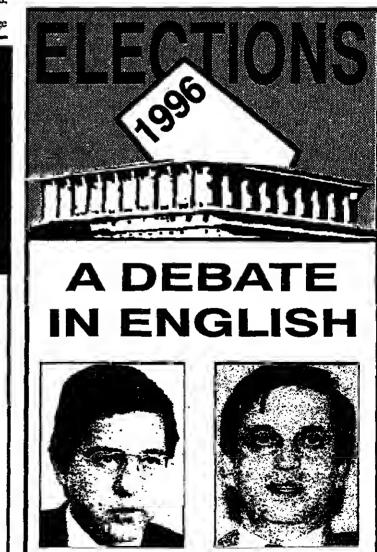
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MPs tell Major

to get tough

with Europe

LONDON (Reuter) - Prime Minister John Major, fresh from a

mauling in local elections, faced

new headaches yesterday as "Euro-

sceptics" in his Conservative party

ignored unity calls and demanded

tough action agaiost Britain's

In a series of media interviews,

Major and his lieutenants insisted

that the Conservatives could

bounce back from defeat in

Thursday's town hall polls to win

the general election - now no more

than a year away - as long as the

party pulled together.
"What I think the local elections

really do is to cause us to focus

much more intently on the need to unite, to stop the internal wrangling, to stop the public bickering, to recognize that unity is an about the public bickering.

absolute prerequisite to electoral victory," Trade Secretary Ian Lang

told BBC radio.
"If we don't, for the next year, get behind the prime minister and

back the government we will lose

and lose badly, and more important,

deserve to lose," Lord Archer, the

author and a former deputy chair-

man of the party, told ITV.

But while they paid hip service to

the need for unity, a number of

Conservatives opposed to closer

integration of the European Union

made it clear that the price of their

undivided support would be a more

Conservative members of parlia-

ment, urged Major to retaliate

John Townend, chairman of the

'92. faction of

robust stance against Brussels.

European partners.

Yeltsin aide: **Postpone** elections

LONDON (API - A senior aide of Russian President Boris Yeltsin wants next month's elections postponed because he fears a Communist victory and possible civil unrest, The Observer newspaper reported yesterday.

"A lot of influential people are in favor of postponement and I'm in favor of it too because we need stability," it quoted Gen. Alexander

Korzhakov as saying.
The Observer said it interviewed Yeltsin's personal security chief and close friend at a May Day celebration in Moscow on Wednesday. Political experts regard him as one of the most influential people in

A secret Kremlin poll conducted in mid-April showed that Yeltsin, Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov by 20 percent and the right-wing nationalist Vladimir Zhrinovsky by 5 percent, The Observer said

"If we have the elections there is no way of avoiding a fight," it quoted Korzhakov as saying.

"If Yeltsin wins the radical opposition will claim the results were falsified and there will be unrest. If Zyuganov wins, even if he wants to take a centrist line, the same people

won't let him and they'll scream." Yeltsin said last week he will hold elections as scheduled on June 16.

He has tried to appease hard-lin-ers since Communists and rightwing nationalists won the most votes in parliamentary elections in December and because millions of Russians are unhappy with economic reforms.

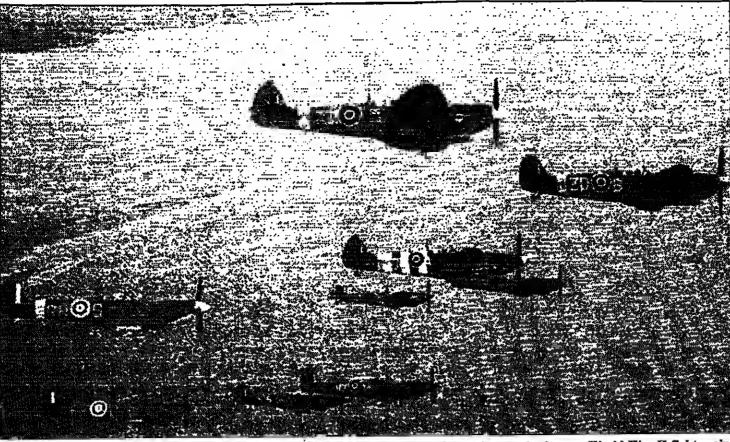
He has moved to softeo free market reforms and has fired radical reformers from his entourage while continuing with a tough stance on the war in Chechnya.

Nevertheless, some reformers view him as the only politician who can stop Zyuganov, whose party won the most votes in December.

The Observer said Korzhakov's remarks show he "appears to be involved in a covert attempt to force Yeltsin to abandon his promise" to hold elections on

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old-fashioned style, with



A formation of Supermarine Spitfires flies over Southampton Water as part of the salute to the famous World War II fighter aircraft yesterday. The Spitfire, which along with the Hurricane was the backbone of the RAF during the Battle of Britain in 1940;

At least 9 bombs damage Bahrain stores

ADNAN MALIK MANAMA

bombs went off simultaneously early yesterday, starting fires which gutted four shops and dam-The brief statement, carried by the official Gulf News Agency, gave sketchy details on the bomb-The 2 a.m. explosions came after a day of scattered protests by ings, saying security authorities opposition activists to mark the have begun an investigation and

IN the latest wave of unrest to

shake this tiny Gulf Arab state,

40th day of Moslem mourning for

a man executed for killing a

All nine shops were closed when the blasts, apparently

caused by incendiary devices.

went off. No one was injured and

there was no claim of responsibil-

opposition activists, who have

been waging a campaign for polit-

ical reforms since December

1994. But a government statement

did not point an accusing finger at

Today's Israel - In Antique Style

Suspicion immediately fell on

ity from any group.

were searching for the culprits. An account given by the news agency of discussions in a scheduled Cabinet meeting made no mention of the bombings.

Life in the commercial heart of Manama, where six of the nine bombed stores are located, appeared normal throughout the day except for the conspicuous presence of uniformed policemen and plainclothes security men carrying walkie-talkies.

Life also appeared to be normal in the posh diplomatic area nearby, which houses government offices and many of the offshore ple since December 1994. banks that have over the years

made Bahrain, a tiny Gulf island state, a key Middle East financial Bahrain also is home to a

strategic US Navy base. Witnesses said they heard at least seven explosions yesterday morning. Later reports, also by witnesses, said two more shops were bombed at the same time one off the central Exhibition Road and one in East Riffa, a residential area 15 km south of Manama, They both sold clothes. A government source described

the bombings as "criminal" and "unjustifiable."

These are criminal acts clearly aimed at sabotaging private and public property and run contrary to the political slogans and politiobjectives propagated abroad," said the source, who spoke on condition of anooymity.

He was referring to the Shilte Moslem-led opposition, which is campaigning for the restoration of parliament, dissolved in 1975, and job opportunities for Shiites, who form a slight majority of the Gulf state's 500,000 population.

The government, dominated by rs of the mainstream S

sect of Islam, has branded the dissidents arsonists and saboteurs and rounded up hundreds of peo-

security sources said.

The government statement said firemen detected and defused incendiary devices concealed in cigarette boxes, but did not say how many or where they had been found.

Just hours before the bombings, activists started small fires in vil-29-year-old Isa Qambar, executed

Riot police responded by throwing an elaborate security ring around several villages. known to be hotbeds of dissent and stopped pedestrians and motorists for identity checks.

Violence in Bahrain has escalated sharply this year - three hotels were bombed, while restaurants, bank machines and other property have been targets of

So far, 27 people have been

Police Saturday night, acting on a tip, defused six small explosive devices planted at the Yateem Shopping Center in Manama. A seveoth device later exploded there, but caused no damage.

lages outside Manama to mark the 40th day of Moslem mourning for March 26 for killing a policeman during a riot last year.

reported killed in the violence.

unless the EU dropped its world-wide ban on British beef exports imposed because of mad cow disease - within three weeks. Teresa Gorman, another Conservative Euro-sceptic, said she would introduce a bill in parliament

demanding a referendum on Britain's ties with Europe. And former cabinet minister John Redwood, who failed in a challenge to Major's leadership of the party last July, said Britain should reintroduce a 200-mile fishing exclusion zone unless the EU gives Britain a

new deal on fishing quotas. Their demands underlined the difficulty Major faces in responding to increasingly anti-European sentiment in his party without alienating vital pro-Europeans such as finance minister Kenneth

Even Sir Marcus Fox, a Major loyalist, coupled a call for unity with an invitation to the prime minister to "bludgeon" Britain's partners at pext month's EU summit in

Whatever he can do there to bring the European Union to its senses, the more thanks he will get and votes," Fox told Sky TV.

Thursday's voting for town halls across England illustrated the mountain that the Conservatives, in power nationally since 1979, must climb to win a fifth consecutive term of office.

Labor won 43 percent of the vote against 27 percent for the Conservatives and 26 percent for the minority Liberal Democrats.

Liberians emerge from shelter during lull in fighting

MONROVIA (Renter) - Liberians ... hurried to fetch water in the capital Monrovia yesterday morning, taking advantage of a lull in fighting after an assault by Charles Taylor's forces on their ethnic Krahn foes in the main army barracks.

But sporadic gunfire could still be

Negotiators said they had persuaded Taylor to agree to a ceasefire. following the departure of Krahn leader Roosevelt Johnson for peace talks in Ghana due to start tomorrow. But Taylor, who launched the civil

war from Ivory Coast in 1989, promptly denied all knowledge of any truce and said he would not attend the talks - despite pressure from the US which has warships off-

Taylor, a vice-chairman on the ruling Council of State, said Council chairman Wilton Sankawulo would

represent him and his ally vice-chairman Alhaji Kroman.

Yesterday morning Taylor's fighters milled around the empty Ambassador Hotel in the Mamba Point district, awaiting orders. Taylor's forces were in control of two bridges linking the city center to

Bushrod Island and had widened their control of the downtown area, through front lines have moved little in four weeks of fighting. Battles began on April 6 after the

Council tried to arrest Johnson on murder charges. A truce agreed with West African and US mediators on April 19 col-

lapsed 10 days later -Diplomatic sources said the Krahn had told them on Thursday they would be willing to observe a ceasefire, and Taylor gave his assent. after the Americans flew Johnson out of the country.

Mandela worried about Zulu violence

DURBAN (Reuter) - President Nelson Mandela is extremely concerned at renewed violence in KwaZulu-Natal province and could send extra securirenewed violence in KwaZulu-Natal province and could send extra security forces if the situation worsens, a presidential spokesman said yesterday.

At least one woman was killed and eight people, including three policemen, were wounded during and after a march by 7,000 Zulus aligned to the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party in the KwaZulu-Natal port city of Durban on Saturday, police said.

Presidential spokesman loel Netshitenzhe said the president "has

expressed extreme concern about what happened in Durban yesterday". He has consulted with the ministers of safety and security and defence and has expressed full confidence in the manner they are han-

dling a difficult and complex situation in KwaZulu-Natal.

"The situation is being reviewed on a continual basis and if it worsens, security forces will be sent to KwaZulu-Natal."

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It's all Greek to this singer

The Jerusalem Post Monday, May 6, 1996

HELEN KAYE

HEN he headlines at the big Athens nightclubs, the surprisingly large number of Israelis in the audience sing along. Now Lefteris Pantazis is return-

ing the favor.

When the popular singer, who describes his music as "Greek pop with a folk flavor," makes his local debut at the Mann Auditorium on May 11, two songs in Hebrew will be on the program. They are "Where are you my love?" and "We'll pledge each other."

"I am singing these songs because it's the minimum I can do to an audience that shows me so much appreciation," says Pantazis, through his songwriter and English translator Stelio Lazaro, as the two click plastic worry beads in a Tel Aviv hotel lobby.

Pantazis is a homespun sophisticate whose first hit single in 1973 was called "O Lustrakos," a salute to his not so recent past. A lustrakos is a shoe-shine boy, and in his younger life lustrakos Pantazis warbled to his clients as he shined their shoes on an Athens pave-

He also sold rugs and bagels, and worked as a plumber. Because his father had died, he was at 19 already the breadwinner for his mother and his three brothers and sisters, who all lived in one room.

"It's no shame to work," he beams, "if you work well and con-



Lefteris Pantazis, who will make his local debut in Tel Aviv, has been compared to both Julio Iglesias and Charles Aznavour.

scientiously. My father taught me

Those days are far behind him. He's 40 now, and when he gives concerts in his native country it's before an audience of 5,000 fans a night. As well as having 31 albums to his credit, some of which have gone gold and platinum, he owns a women's basketball team, and is a dedicated football enthusiast and a

philanthropist. He's been com-

pared to both Julio Iglesias and Charles Aznavour.

Pantazis, dressed all in black, has a round face and smiles readily. However, the velvet outside covers a steel-hard determination.

He was born in Tashkent in the old USSR to ethnic Greek parents from the Black Sea area where their ancestors had lived since Ottoman times. When World War II broke out, his parents and others fled to the interior of the country. When Pantazis was 10, the family went to Greece and settled in the pon town of Piracus.

The Russian-speaking boy learned Greek (he still speaks

Russian), and sang. He sang when his father played the bouzouki for friends. He taught himself guitar and, like a kleyner, wandered from house to house, from party to party, playing and singing. Friends - the family had moved to Athens by then - persuaded him to try his luck on a

including Australia, the US and of course in Europe. And, surprisingly for a Greek, he's even very pop-

radio talent show. He did. He won four of them and sang on the radio for the first time in 1969. Since then he's never looked back. He's sung all over the world,

of the Prince of Darkness Toothless parody

DRACULA: DEAD AND LOVING IT

Directed by Mel Brooks, Screenplay by Brooks, Rudy De Luca, and Steve Haberman. Helicewittle, Dracula Met Voltav et Zeh. 90 minutes.

___ Mel Brooks __ Peter MacNicol

HEN he thumbs his nose at decorum and pretense, Mel Brooks is one of the funniest men alive. The Torquemada musical number in The History of the World, Part I, for example, was hilariously tasteless, with its Esther Williams-styled chorus girls sporting swimsuits

Brooks himself as a singing, danc-

ing, hamming Grand Inquisitor. His 2000-Year-Old-Man routine, too, was an inspired bit of stand-up: there, interviewed by straightman Carl Reiner, he played a grumpy Jewish bimillennarian. "Were you a slow developer?" Reiner asks.

"Vernry, verrry slow," boasts Brooks, "I breastied for 200 years." "Now, really, sir. Who did you breastfeed with? Who breastfeed

"I used to con a lotta ladies into

doing it..." Most of his better gags work in the same extreme way. With mock seriousness, Brooks will set the scene for a familiar genre (a Hitchcockian thriller in High Anxiety, an old Western in Blazing

Saddles, a silent movie in Silent

ADINA HOFFMAN

Movie) and then, quite abruptly, he'll smash the frame and our expectations by using some rude aside or blatant anachronism. At once verbal and physical, the best of his comedy combines elements of Groucho's caustic patter and Harpo's honking born. It's as savvy as it is vulgar.

In Dracula: Dead and Loving It all the elements and fog machines are in place for another of Brooks's irresistibly goofy, taboo-busting parodies. Leslie Nielsen, of Naked Gun fame, plays the batty Count, and Brooks dons a Freudian goatee and broad German accent for the role of Dr. Van Helsing, the physician determined to beat the vampire by any means necessary: garlic, crosses, a stake through the

The pairing of Brooks and Nielsen seems promising, and for at least one routine - an argument in "ancient Moldavian" where each is determined to have the last word - it is, sort of. But the real belly laughs never come in Dracula, a film whose timing is comic but whose punchlines are strangely not.

Brooks's directing style has hazard. This was forgivable, however, when the jokes were sharp and numerous. The problem in Draculo is that the script, co-written by Brooks, Rudy De Luca and Tom Haberman, simply isn't amus-ing. The shticks range from passable (like the slurping-through-a-straw sound that Dracula makes

when he drinks the blood of a beautiful young maiden) to really leaden. What's worse, some of the better lines are rehashed three or four times, till every last giggle has been drained away.

Odd as it sounds for a Mel Brooks film, Dracula: Dead and Loving It doesn't veer far enough from Bram Stoker's classic vampire story.

To fly as parody it would need to introduce some new, wild twist or entist Gene Wilder played in the director's Young Frankenstein, or the neurotic Prince John of Robin Hood: Men in Tights. Instead, Brooks attempts mild comic variations on Stoker's familiar characters. The result isn't any subtler than his usual; it's just more subdued and predictable.

Cellist faces the music of publicity

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

BEING a cover boy makes Steven Isserlis want to cover up. The British cellist's face looks out from the from of this month's Gramophone magazine, but not in Isserlis's own home.

"Yes. I do have a copy in the house, although I keep it face down so that I won't have to look at my face all the time," he said in a phone conversation from his London apartment, Next week Isserlis will

begin a series of appearances here. He is one of the finest cellists on the scene today, but his career has developed slowly. The public-relations machinery that is finally being harnessed is paying off.

The idea for the Gramophone interview came from the marketing people at BMG for whom he now records and who provided him with a personal publicist three moths

Isserlis doesn't mind interviews too much, as long as it is "talking about music. It can be fun but of course occasionally I get annoying interviews and when I'm misquoted it gets frustrating. But generally I enjoy it although I would never go after them. That's undignified."

Isserlis has already close to 20 discs to his credit, on the Hyperion, Virgin, EMI and now BMG (RCA)

The increasing use of sexy pictures as a way of marketing classical discs is a trend that concerns Issertis. "Of course in a record shop people would not pick up my disc instantly when a beautiful woman looks at them sexily from another

"I personally wouldn't go for the sexy one. But I am different and I hope I appeal to other music lovers. I care for people who care for my music and not for cleavage."

One reason is his habit of breaking down barriers between performer and audience. Occasionally he gives introductory commentary before playing certain works.

He also organizes chamber music recitals and mini-festivals which center around very specific themes. I like to put at least one unusual item in any recital and in London my recitals always have a special program. I did a 'Schumann and his friends' series, for example, and on Fauré's birthday 1 gave a concert with his music.'

He also keeps a balance between recitals, chamber-music concerts and symphonic ones. "I would hate to do without any of them. I like the balance and I also teach classes in England and I'm even writing

Four years ago the company

the composer and translations

always change the original, no

Cortes prefers the new situation

in which the Minsk opera is the

maner how good they are."

about music, I write my own sleeve notes." And he has also fulfilled a longtime dream by starting work on a TV movie about Schumann.

Isserlis's rise has not been a meteoric. "It was really very gradual. Nothing international happened until I was 30 and there were some frustrations.

But my approach to music is very old-fashioned in a way, and not going to work for everybody. My heart is pretty much anchored in the pre-World War II era."

Isserlis plays a 1745 Guadanini cello which he has owned for about 17 years. "I love it. I suppose I'd gratefully accept a Strad if someone would offer it. But my cello is great.

"It's not a kind of bright cello, it's quite dark, but no, it's really hard to describe the sound."

His son Gabriel is following in his footsteps. "It was really his own choice. He always said he would start when he is six and he did exactly that. He said he wants to sit in the same room with me and play the same music."

Isserlis is quite proud of his fam-ily tree, which includes Felix Mendelssohn, Karl Marx and even Helena Rubinstein.

"My great-grandfather was a can-tor, My grandfather was a famous pianist and composer. My father was born in Russia and was a cantor too but gave it up to become a dentist. I myself was bar mitzva and I'm still very conscious about being Steven Isserlis plays with the

Jerusalem Symphony Orchesua in special festive concert next Tuesday performing the Haydn D Major cello concerto as well as Richard Strauss's Don Quixote with violist Tabea Zimmermann, "It's a hilarious opus. It's not a

concerto at all and the cello [Quixote] and viola [Sancho] soloists almost never play together. "And then at the end Quixote dies

and Sancho is miserable, but there is never any antagonism between the two instruments, he says. Isserlis will also play a chamber-

music recital with Zimmermann and pianist lumar Golan, next Friday at the Tel Aviv Performing at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem.

Golan will join quite a large number of pianists with whom Isserlis has played in concerts and recordings. "I'm married to one person so there's no need to be also married to one pianist only," he jokes.

national opera of Belarus and not

just another of many Soviet opera

democratic state. We are now sov-

"li's better now that we are a

The walls have ears for this musician

HELEN KAYE

EN years ago conductor Paul McCreesh renovated a Victorian bouse from top to bottom. If he had the time, he. says, he'd rebuild and refinish old furniture, but he doesn't because he's busy doing sort of the same for music.

Imagine hearing and seeing the 1595 coronation of a Venetian doge in the cathedral where it happened, or a famous 1608 concert in a magnificent Renaissance hall whose walls and ceilings are painted by Tintoretto.

The surroundings will be somewhat less august, however, when the ensemble performs Bach's F major Mass and Cantata No. 65 at the Israel Festival on June 2 and 3.

In 1990, McCreesh and his 29member Gabrieli Consort & Players created A Venetian Coronation - which presented the sequence of music Andrea and Giovanni Gabrieli (for whom the consort is named) wrote for the

Grimaldi in San Marco. Last year he scoured all Venice to find seven baroque organs for Music at San Rocco, his reconstruction of that 1608 concert at the famous Scuola Grande di San

McCreesh calls his often sumptuous reconstructions of famous musical events "projects," and their purpose is very much to make this 16th- and 17th-century music intelligible to the public. He started them because he wondered "wby did composers write the way they did."
"Most conductors with a month

to prepare a new score would spend the whole time going over every note. Not me. If I had a month, I'd spend about two days on the music and the rest of the time on everything else, because what surrounds the music is really where interpretation begins.

"That's wby we don't perform

something today. Finding out how it was performed in its own time is to give us greater understanding of what that music might mean to us today."

McCreesh is speaking from his bome in a village with the mysterious medieval name of Long Clawson. He lives in a Georgian farmhouse "from 1790 with a view over beautiful fields. I spend too much time in airport lounges, so I need something beautiful to look at when I'm home."

He was born 36 years ago in London to a music-loving family. He studied piano and sang in church choirs before his voice broke, but when he went to study music at Manchester University be had no doubt he wanted to be a conductor.

McCreesh's first interest was 20th-century music, but "wben I was introduced to the older repertoire I became fascinated by the historical angle of its performance. It's an attitude of mind

"There are universal truths in art, and what fascinates me is the way music can transmit those messages over 200-300 years. It's a remarkably resilient art form."

He created what was to develop into the Gabrieli consort in 1982, and over the years - as well as the projects and performing the better-known music by such as Bach, Monteverdi, Purcell - McCreesh goes after lesser-known reper-

McCreesh chose Bach for the Israel Festival, because "next year we're going to make a big double album which will be a complete moming service in Bach's Leipzig with all the prayers and the other music [for the service], so we'll have some idea of how Bach's music related to the process of religious worship as a whole. Did you know that they actually closed the city gates while the main services were going on?"

For the art gallery upstairs,

Joachim commissioned artists to

create oil paintings and charcoal

sketches based on famous

store also displays collectables,

including glass-encased displays of her 50 albums, magazines and

And downstairs, the museum

Streisand photos,

other odds and ends.

A Minsk coat for Russian opera MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

occurred.

SERGEI Cortes has a family history as odd as his multi-cultural name suggests.

The family originally came from Moscow and St. Petersburg. explains the 61-year-old artistic director of the Minsk Opera Сотралу. They ran away to South

America after the [Russian] revolution but then my grandfather wanted to return and so we came back in 1955." The Soviet authorities resettled

the family from Buenos Aires in Minsk, now in Belarus, where Cortes still lives with his wife and The Minsk Opera will open the

Beit She'an Festival tomorrow night with one of its major productions, Tchaikovsky's masterpiece Eugene Onegin. The production is traditional,

says Cones. "It's about 10 years old or more

and because it is in an open space we are changing some things, not the staging but some things so that it will look beautiful for the outdoors. We already didCarmen in the

open air in Hamburg so we are used to such productions." Cortes's previous career as an

opera composer came 10 an end when he accepted his current position five years ago.

For many years the Minsk Opera House was just one of many small opera houses throughout the Soviet Union, performing a mixed repenoire always in Russian.

But with the political changes several significant changes have

started touring Spain, Germany and Poland which resulted in a ereign and can decide all our change in its language policy. Now we are doing all operas in questions without asking Moscow where we can tour and when. their original language. I believe you have to do all operas in the original, you have to be faithful to

"We live only by the funding of our government who pays the salaries of the 600 people who work in the theater."

In addition to tomorrow's performance, Eugene Onegin can be seen in Beit She an on Thursday and Saturday.

in costume. Music has to mean mixture of quality music and the coronation of Doge Marino For the woman who has it all – a museum

IT was Ken loachim's dream, and he held fast to it.

He refused to listen to the naysayers who warned that he was throwing away his life savings, all \$200,000.

After all, he said, "The man who built the Golden Gate Bridge, everybody thought he was crazy." But Joachim is not building a bridge. He is building a very different sort of monument - a museum and gallery dedicated to the singer, actress and director whose name is as distinctive as her voice

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and face: Streisand, The Hello Gorgeous!! museum, named after the star's opening line in the 1968 film Funny Girl, is scheduled to open to the public May 10. Located in the heart of San Francisco's largely gay Castro District, the gallery is an opportunity for fans to revisit the vocalist's 35-year career.

"You don't have to wait to pay tribute to someone when they're dead." Joachim says. "In this DAVID KLIGMAN SAN FRANCISCO

country, that's what we do. We honor them after they're gone. Why not honor them now?"

Inside a large glass case at the front of the restored house are Streisand-like mannequins dressed to recreate scenes from her films. The displays will change monthly. The first: Streisand in a leopard coat-andhat outfit like the one she wore in

Funny Girl. A narrow walkway to the twolevel museum is lined with posters from Streisand's 15 movies. They range from classic Streisand (Funny Girl, The Woy We Were) to clunkers (The Main Event) to her more recent films (The Prince of Tides).

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The Covenant deadline

TAVING characterized the decision of the Palestine National Council (PNC) on Lthe Palestinian Covenant as "the most important event in the Middle East in a bundred years," Prime Minister Shimon Peres obviously wants to believe that the covenant bas indeed been changed. But if the letter from Yasser Arafat he distributed to the cahinet yesterday is any indication, the original judgment by sucb experts as Prof. Yehosbua Porat of the Hebrew University - that no specific changes in the covenant have been made - must stand.

Repeating almost verbatim the initial report on the PNC resolution by the Palestinian news agency WAFA, the Arafat letter says: "The [charter] is hereby amended by canceling the provisions that are contrary to the letters exchanged between the PLO and the government of Israel. The decision to amend the charter was taken at an extraordinary session of the PNC in Gaza between April 22-25.

The text [of the resolution] reads: 1. The Palestine National Charter is hereby amended hy canceling the articles that are contrary to the letters exchanged between the PLO and the government of Israel on 9-10 September 1993. 2. The legal committee is assigned with the task of redrafting the Palestinian National Charter in order to present it to the first session of the F...estine central council."

One need not have a particularly probing mind to ask a simple question: Which articles bave been changed or canceled, and to what bave they been changed? Alternatively, one could ask about the fate of each article. Is Article 1, which calls Palestine the homeland of

. Palestinian people, being canceled or changed to allow that it is also the Jewish homeland? Is Article 2, which defines Palestine's borders as those of the British Mandate and calls it an indivisible unit, now canceled?

Every covenant article, from the first to the 30th (out of 33) implies that Israel has no right to exist. Have they all been changed and canceled, or retained? And if they are to be changed, what will replace them - the same ideas in different language? A declaration of Palestinian sovereignty in the territories or in all of Palestine with Jerusalem its capital? A call for peaceful coexistence with Israel?

That it is impossible to get an answer to these questions is not only suspicious. It is tantamount to a Palestinian admission that the whole exercise is a hoax. In fact, yesterday's announcement by the head of the PNC's Judicial Committee, Faisal Hamdi Husseini, that he would submit a new covenant in three months in which 21 articles will be changed or canceled is n admission that nothing specific has been jone. According to the Oslo 2 agreement, the deadline for changing the covenant is tomor-

As the Center for Security Policy in Wasbngton put it last week, "The PNC merely

Sir, - It is our great good fortune

that, if the hostilities in Lebanon had

to hreak out, they are happening

while Labor-Meretz is still running

Yossi Sarid and his ilk would be

unleashing upon the Likud were

they sitting comfortably in the oppo-

silion today. Half the country, the

right wing, would have been brand-

ed as war-mongering haby-killers.

They would be claiming that only

the left is interested in and capable

of maintaining peace and that a vote

for Likud is a vote for war. Any

explanation that we would have of-

fered, no matter how convincing,

would have fallen on cynical and

Sir, - Surely the terrorists, wher-

ever they are, deserve oo mercy; but

on the other hand, the recent actions

of the IAF against the civilians in

southern Lehanon cannot be justi-

fied with the argument of "retalia-

tion." If Israel uses the same terror,

which Hizbullah seems to use

against civilians, so I ask myself,

what is the difference between the

Israeli government and Shi'ile

The other point which concerns

me deeply is the way the IAF uses

the media to justify its actions be-

Sir, - The recent misfire in Leba-

non, sadly resulting in many civilian

fatalities, was subsequently inex-

pertly managed by the government,

resulting in another PR failure. They

should have immediately begun

damage control and taken the offeo-

sive by promptly shifting responsi-

bility to the UN for allowing Hizbul-

lah to set up Katyushas and then fire

them from their doorstep, blaming

the civilians for not removing them-

selves far from the confrontation

area as they had been warned to do,

blaming Lebanoo for not expelling

Hizbullah, expressing outrage that Hizbullah would fire from a coocen-

tration of civilians.

terrorists.

Imagine the hell and brimstone

TTERS TO THE EDITOR

BETTER THIS WAY

mocking ears. The left would have

been demonstrating in the streets

and calling for commissions of in-

quiry and resignations, like for Sa-hra and Shatilla. I never thought 1

would say it, hat for this moment at

least, I am glad it is Peres and Sarid

in power and not Bibi and Sharon.

long or how hard you scream peace

now, you cannot unilaterally declare

peace. The other side has to want

peace too. Whether Labor or Likud

is in power, so long as there are

Arah countries and organizations

who seek our destruction, there will

fore public opinion with regard to

pinpoint "accuracy" and "surgi-cal" attacks, whereas the media in

the "free world" report "only" ci-

vilian casualties up to now. Your

report oo bombings reminds me of

the controlled media in my home

country, Iran. Since Israel claims to

be a "free" country as opposed to

the rest of the countries in the re-

gion, I wonder what "free" really

Instead, the government was late in taking the offensive, apologetic,

and didn't sharply place the hlame

where it rightly belonged. Anyone scanning TV is aware that Israel

Public relations work is a special-

ty requiriog unique talents and

skills. Almost all governments rec-

ognize that expertise in this area is

essential in explaining their actions

and promoting their agenda. There-

fore, they engage their most talented

and effective people for this role.

Hopefully, our government will be-

gin to understand and do likewise.

Tel Aviv.

WILLIAM SIMON

again lost another PR battle.

means in your definition.

lowa City, Iowa.

PR FAILURE

SHABTAI SHATSKY

FARID SEDDIGHI

not be peace.

RETALIATION

Ginot Shomron.

The truth is that no matter how

iow, May 7.

the country.

approved a statement that assigns to another group responsibility for changing the covenant in unspecified ways without any clear schedule. At some undetermined point, these recommendations will go to yet another group, which will, in turn, act upon it."

To understand how all this has come about, it may be helpful to recall that on February 19, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported that, according to Palestinian sources, Yoel Singer, the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser, had held secret meetings in Tunis with Arafat's chief negotiator Mahmoud Abbas, better known as Abu Mazen.

They discussed "a suitable formula for the amendment Israel is demanding to the PNC Charter and the deletion of the clauses calling for the destruction of Israel. The sources note that Singer stressed the need to hold a PNC meeting as soon as possible to make this amendment in the current charter or the new one. He also stressed the need to make the amendment before the Israeli elections scheduled for the end of May to strengthen the Labor party's position in the elections and the position of Prime Minister Shimon Peres."

If the developments of the past two weeks are any indication, this pre-election exercise has borne fruit. The covenant has not been changed. but the announcement that it would be changed seemed to suffice. President Bill Clinton, putting the prestige of the White House on the line, stated that "Arafat said that there would be a revision in the Palestinian Covenant by the first of May. Under difficult circumstances, he kept that commitment."

Clinton rewarded the PLO leader with the ultimate American gesture of recognition and respect: He received Arafat at the Oval Office. The gesture was made at Peres's request. Obviously, even a vague PNC announcement of the intention to make changes in the covenant had its price.

Nor the presumed covenant changes did not seem to faze Arafat. When asked at the National Press Cluh in Washington, "Have the Palestinians changed their dream of taking control of all of Palestine?" he answered in the spirit of the current covenant. According to AP, he became "suddenly angry," saying, "I, I not answer this ... this is unfair question." And when asked

about Hamas, he repeated the charges that "an Israeli fanatic group," headed hy Avishai Ra-viv, collahorated with Hamas and Islamic Jihad 'killing Palestinians and Jews." (Perhaps the news that Raviv was a General Security Service agent has not reached him.)

That a leader who so hlatantly evades the fundamental issue of Israel's right to exist and utters offensive nonsense about Israeli-Hamas cooperation in terror can be treated seriously in Washington is beyond comprehension. That he is received in the Oval Office is nothing short of

BIASED REPORTING

whose parents are Holocaust survi-

vors and who was raised as a Con-

servative Jew and a devout Zionist.

Israel and so slanted in its reporting

that it was with great glee that I found your Web site. It's not so

much what it reports here in the US,

it's what it does not report that indi-

cates the hias. CNN carried the en-

tire film report on the car that was

attacked and carried some civilians.

The film was gruesome. What was

worse, however, was the reporter's

voice-over which unmistakably con-

veyed his belief that our mission in

Lebanon was unjust and that Israel

purposely attacked civilian targets.

Almost never do we see a report on

the damage done by the Katyushas!

and for providing such excellent

journalism. JACOB PANKOWSKI

EXERCISE IN FUTILITY

least, hy David Bar-Illan's contemp-

tuous reaction to readers who dared

to criticize bis column (Eye on the

Media, April 26). To accuse such

readers, who are merely expressing

an opinion, of calumny, is ridiculous

and unworthy. (In my dictionary,

calumny is "a malicious misinter-

pretatioo of facts.") Surely, readers

are entitled to their opinions and, if

these are negative with respect to

that "the column is a paranoid ex-

pression of the outmoded belief that

the world is against us." My own

personal opinioo is that it is an exer-

cise in futility, because it will not

change hy one inta the opinion of

those who enjoy Israel hashing, and

who will continue to do so in spite of

The purpose of the column is not to

reform but to inform. Ed. J.P.

I. SHANAN

Eye on the Media.

I am not ooe of those who think

Eye on the Media, so be it.

Sir, - 1 am surprised, to say the

Potomac, Maryland.

Thank you for being oo the Web

The American press is so anti-

Sir, - 1 am an American Jew

REMEMBER NOW, THIS IS STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN



SO YOU WON'T MIND IF WE

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A pragmatic ally

Turkey could teach Israel a thing or two, especially in the realm of foreign policy

The Turks know how to do what they deem essential for their national security without worry-ing about how their foreign

friends may react. They are not inhibited hy their image ahroad or the kind of coverage they get in the international news media. And they do not allow irrelevant or obsolete considerations, such as the religious proclivities of their geographical neighbors, influence major policy decisions. A case in point Turkey's delegation to the UN General Assembly voted against resolution condemning Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Ahove all, they give the highest priority to their own national interests and do not defer to the strategic preferences or diplomatic conveniences of their allies, including those to whom they are bound by formal and explicit treaties.

So it was wheo then-prime minister Bulent Ecevit ordered his armed forces to invade and occupy the predominantly Turkishspeaking part of Cyprus 22 years

And the same principle was followed by his successors in deciding to build the Attaturk Dam and thereby regulate the flow of Euphrates river water to Syria and Iraq as well in authorizing military operations against the Kurds' sus pected PKK bases in northern

When the tactical hospitality granted PKK personnel by Syria irritated the Ankara government it issued a stern warning to the Damascus regime. The Turks made it clear that they will not let President Hafez Assad use the PKK's terrorist activities and infrastructure to pressure them into increasing Syria's share of Euphrates water.

enemy's enemy is their friend, the Turks concluded a military agreement with Israel on the basis of which the IAF's commander, Major-General Herzl Bodinger. was supposed to have been at the

JAY BUSHINSKY

F-16 jets that landed at Turkey's Akinci air force base near Ankara for a week of joint military exercises. Operation Grapes of Wrath forced a postponement of Bodinger's flight, but the other pilots completed their mission.

SELF-INTEREST always has the watchword of Republican Turkey's foreign poli-cy. That is one of the main reasons for its neutral posture during World War II. Rather than risk an invasion by the Nazi Wehrmacht after the fall of Greece, the Turkish government preferred not to take sides. It relied on a mutualdefense accord reached by the British and French after Italy's annexation of Albania. On the other hand, the Turks' dismay over the Ribbentrop-Molotov pact

Turkey is much more than a relatively affordable tourist attraction

dispelled their gratitude for Soviet Russia's aid to Attaturk in his campaign to retain the Turkish

Since 1945, Turkey has never taken problem-solving initiatives in disputes to which it is a party, such as Cyprus. Unlike Israel, which invented, promoted and preached autonomy for the Palestinians, Turkey has not come up with any proposals whose. implementation would require territorial concessions on its part. Turkey's territorial integrity always took precedence.

Nor have the Turks recruited

his or her nation's goals in the

But there are other aspects of international relations that deserve serious attention.

The Turkish-Israeli rapprochement should be accompanied by closer cultural links and a deeper

understanding of Turkish history. There should be a more objective attitude toward the Ottoman Empire's relationship towards the Jews to whom it gave refuge after the expulsion from Spain in 1492 and towards the Jewish population: of Palestine when this country was part of its realm. And there should be a much broader awareness of contemporary developments in its . avowedly secularist successor, the Turkish republic founded by Kemal Attaunk after World War L

In the 1950s, when prime minister David Ben-Gurion's idea of reaching out to the Middle East's non-Arab periphery was in vogne, Hebrew University students were attracted to its courses in Turkish language and literature. That trend

that none of Israel's mass media newspapers, radio and TV - have seen fit to station their own foreign correspondents in Ankara or Istanbul so that the public here will be able to receive objective coverage of Turkey's domestic politics (especially the challenge posed by its strong Islamic fundamentalist "Welfare" Parry) foreign

If indeed there is to be a showdown within three to five years between Israel and Iran over the Teheran regime's quest for its own nuclear capability. Turkey's attitude and role should be closely monitored and reported. .

Turkey is much more than a relatively affordable tourist attraction or a convenient venue for gambling casinos. It is a pragmatic ally whose willingness to befriend Israel proves that the Islamic world is not a monolith and that component national interests do take precedence over pseu-

The writer is with the Chicago

and international relations.

Acting in the belief that their

controls of one of the eight Israeli

heartland.

foreign mediators to act as honesthrokers between them and the Greeks, Greek Cypriots, Kurds, Syrians or Armenians. Their abstinence undoubtedly is based on the assumption that whatever the gobetween's nationality he or she inevitably would seek solutions compatible with or beneficial to

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A responsible premier

Yehoshua (Shuka) Porat, formerly a candidate on the Knesset list of Shinui and more recently a supporter of the Third Way, publicly announced last week he is going to vote for Binyamin Netanyahu for prime minister.

Porat, who by no means can be described as a right-winger, does not trust Prime Minister Shimon Peres. He believes the Oslo process initiated by Yitzhak Rabin and Peres is basically wrong. endangers Israel's security and that Peres is not fit to negotiate peace with the Arabs. He also agrees with MK Benny Begin's stance that the Palestinian promise to delete arti-cles from the Palestine Covenant calling for Israel's liquidation is nothing but a hoax.

Since Porat is a serious academic who is well versed in Palestinian double-talk, his views carry weight. His bottom line is not that the peace process with the Palestinians should stop, only that someone much more prudent and responsible than Peres should conduct it. He is not certain that Netanyahu is the right man, but is willing to give him a chance.

This approach is legitimate, but not necessarily correct. Though the Palestinians, and particularly the PLO; deserve first prize for double-talk in the Middle East, the question to be asked is whether they have finally come to realize that the dream of Israel vanishing from the Middle East is no more realistic than the dream of many Israelis that the Palestinians

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should migrate to the 22 existing independent Arab states. The answer to this is clear.

There is no real reason to doubt that Palestinian leaders have come to accept the basic premise of the Oslo agreements: Israelis and Palestinians are either going to live together on the basis of mutual respect, or blow each others' brains out.

It is difficult to understand how anyone can believe Netanyahu is more trustworthy than. Peres

The argument that the Covenant's amendment is nothing but a hoax also seems to be based more on bias and dogma than

TO LABEL Peres as irresponsible is unfair. He has never implemented anything that damages Israel's future and security, unless one rejects the basic premise upon which Labor's whole peace policy is hased: that peace can only be achieved on the basis of Israeli withdrawal from most of the territories occupied by Israel in 1967, But if Peres is irresponsible on this who agreed to return to Egypt the whole of the Sinai Peninsula.

Furthermore, the assumption that Netanyahu is more responsible than Peres does not seem to be based on anything more than wishful thinking and anti-Peres prejudice. It is difficult to understand bow anyone can believe that Netanyahu, whose double-talk in the course of the current election campaign has turned into a systematic method, is more trustworthy than Peres. And, if one adds to this the fact that Netanyahu has added to his "military flank" exgenerals Ariel Sharon, Rafael Eitan and the politically inexperienced Yitzhak Mordechai, while Peres's retired generals are Ehud Barak, Ori Orr, Binyamin Ben-Eliczer and Efraim Sneh, the argument that the former is more trustworthy than the latter becomes even harder to accept.

The writer is a political scien-



A nation crybabies

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

S gas prices are up, and President Clinton, rising as always to soothe an anxious and troubled nation, has ordered urgent Energy and Justice Department investigations to find out why:
Why? How about - a wild

guess - because supply is down and demand is up? Now, I know that I am not an

expert and, unlike the two task forces. I have neither economists nor lawyers nor the FBI working for me. But I have confidence in the basic laws of economics that I'm willing to bet Energy Secretary O'Leary and Attorney-General Reno \$100 each that their million-dollar probes will do nothing more than confirm my

The short-run factors for the current spike are, by now, well known. This was a particularly long winter. It depleted stocks of beating oil and made the oil companies turn to refining gasoline later than they had expected.

Add to that an explosion in one very large California refinery that sharply curtailed production. Add the breakdown of talks with Iraq that would have brought more than half a million barrels a day to market and you've got a sudden, iftemporary, oil shortage.

So much for the short run. The long-run causes are even more obvious. This is a country of a million Walter Mittys driving 75 mph in their gas-guzzling roadsters with moose head on the hood, a country whose crude oil production has dropped 32 percent in the last 25 years but will not drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for fear of disturbing the mating habits of caribou - and we're shocked shocked to find gasoline prices rising.

Let's review: * Speed. Nixon instituted the 55 mph speed limit to save gas. The limit was repealed last year. People are flying down the inter-states at ridiculous speeds. Want to drive faster? Fine. But it costs.

Distance. The average regis-tered American car traveled 11,839 miles in 1994. That is about 2,000 miles more per car than just 20 years ago. Love driving? So do I. But it costs.

The reasons for rising US gas prices are clear

Fuel inefficiency. Sport utility vehicles are the rage. Problem is they guzzle gas. Fuel efficiency in the US rose steadily from about 13 miles per gallon in 1973 to 21 mpg in 1990. Since 1990, however, it has been stuck as 21 mpg. You would expect with older cars being phased out and new ones being phased in, fuel efficiency should continue to rise. It does not, in large part because Americans love commuting in vehicles designed for hunting elephants. Go figure. Hey, it's a con-stitutional right to have our follies. But it costs.

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· Supply. US crude oil production is in serious decline. In 1970 it was 9.6 million barrels a day. Today it is 6.5 million. The North Slope of Alaska holds potentially the largest oil field in North America. Unshakable opposition from Democrats has for 15 years prevented even test drilling there. Don't want to disturb a pristine environment, even in a place not one in a million Americans will ever see? Fine. Nothing wrong with that. But it costs.

The biggest crybabies of all are those ever so ecosensitive Californians. They are particularly agitated that their premium gas prices have now topped \$2 a gallon. Now, it bappens that between 5 and 15 cents of that \$2 comes directly from a decision Californians made in 1991 to change to a less polluting reformulated gasoline starting March 1,1996. Nothing wrong with wanting cleaner air. In fact, it is probably worth every penny. But spare us with the howl when it comes time to pay the pennies.

Bob Dole has lately been booting about a focus group survey that shows Americans would prefer leaving their children with him than with Bill Clinton, Dole seems to think be is running for national baby-sitter. Given the behavior of the electorate during this gas "crisis," he may be right.

A nation stuffs itself with chocolate, then wakes up in the morning whining that it has a turniny ache. Bob Dole immediately calls for repeal of the chocolate tax. President Clinton, ever feeling our pain, orders a criminal investigation of the candy man and opens the strategic chocolate reserve. Pandering? Hardly. In a nation of crybabies, this is leadership.

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Still Running

Is Age-Bashing Any Way to Beat Bob Dole?

By RICHARD L. BERKE

WASHINGTON new Democratic Party television commercial takes a not-too-subtle swipe at Senator Bob Dole, age 72. After a shot of him side-by-side with Speaker Newt Gingrich, the announcer warns (emphasis added): "Their old ways don't work. President Clinton's plan - the new way."

Jack Quinn, the White House counsel, pointedly describes a recent Dale speech as "tired, old, worn-out rheto-

And Ann Lewis, deputy manager of the Clinton campaign, implies feebleness when she ridicules remarks by the Senator as "disconnected and

Such coded partisan formulations aren't the half of it: the old-guy bashing of Mr. Dole in political cartoons and late-night comedy routines has

Reagan defused the age issue with a joke. Dole tries, but he isn't as deft.

reached an intensity that makes the tokes about Ronald Reagan in the 1980's seem like gentle kidding. Dole age jokes ("Dole is 96") are now as much a part of popular culture as gibes at Madonna's impending motherhood, and sometimes as mean-

Bob Dole is calling himself an optimist." David Letterman said in a receot monologue. "I understand look at a glass as half empty. Bob Dole looks at the glass and says, 'What a great place to put my

"Bob Dole's senior aides are urging him to hurry up and make his list of potential choices for Vice Presideot," Jay Leno commented in one of his many age-related digs at the candidate. "Searching for a Vice President doesn't bother me. What bothers me is that Bob Dole has senior aides. How old are they - 90, 100? I mean, senior aides?"

The Acceptable Bias

Racism and sexism have long been taboo in mainstream American politics, but in this Presidential campaign there is a high tolerance for ageism. In fact, Democrats say it may be their ticket to keeping the White House in November. In this election year, it seems, maturity is out and youth and vigor are in.

But the frenzy of ridicule is at odds with what used to be an abiding American virtue: respect for your

Paradoxically, too, it comes at a time when people/are living longer, when proposals to curb age discrimination are gaining currency and when the Baby Boomers are staring at middle age and no doubt thinking hard about their vulnerabilities. The readiness to attack Mr. Dole over his age may reflect many Americans' state of denial about age as well as the premium on fitness and youth that is a hallmark of the times.

Crying Foul

Whatever the reason, defenders of the elderly say it is not fair.

"Age is simply not a measure of competence in any way, shape or form and people need to be judged on their own individual characteristics," said Michele Pollak, a lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons. "And that's true whether they're running for President, for Senate, or whether they want to be a police officer, a firefighter or a

Were he to be inaugurated on Jan. 20, Mr. Dole would be, at 73, the oldest President ever to enter the Oval Office (Mr. Reagan, the oldest to have taken the oath to date, was just shy of 70 at his inauguration in 1981.) The grim inevitability of the actuarial tables of course demands a hard look at Mr. Dole's physical and mental fitness for the job, especially since he has already been treated for prostate cancer. The injuries he suffered in Italy during World War II — which left him with a crippled right arm — do not make it any easier for him to age gracefully.

In some ways, though, the piling on Mr. Dole seems misplaced. He looks younger than the former Army buddies who show up at his events, and he has a stamina that belies his age. Curiously, he may be a juicy target age-bashers not so much for chronological reasons but because of his personal style. A popular critique among Democrats and many Republicans is that Mr. Dole lacks a fresh vision, and that criticism melds with the notion that he is too old.

In addition, the age question is heightened because the gap between Mr. Dole and Mr. Clinton is 23 years - the Senator is old enough to be the President's father.

Mr. Dole was born in the flapper era, Mr. Clinton, who turns 50 on Aug. 19 - that will make him eligible to join the American Association of Retired Persons - was in diapers when John F. Kennedy was elected to the House of Representatives.

"Dole's more vulnerable to this than Reagan because Reagan has a much more vigorous image as a person, more charisma, more sense of energy," said Robert H. Binstock, a professor of aging, health and society at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. "I don't think it's an uncalled-for ageism. Plus, Dole feeds into it by evoking images of himself as a World War II person rather than

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The Third Man In Russia, he holds the cards.

By Michael Specter

Gas Guzzling Price is only one reason.

By Matthew L. Wald



Sperm Counts

Mysteries of male fertility: are sperm counts really lowering?

By Gina Kolata

Tobacco on Trial

Making a Case for Death

By LAURA MANSNERUS

O far, it's Taxpayers v. Merchants of Death. Eight states have sued tobacco companies, and more are getting in line, with a new legal theory: since the states incur Medicaid expenses for smoking-related illness, they should be reimbursed by the industry that causes it.

There's a snag, though. The states are probably not losing all the money they are asking for. The inconvenient truth, at least as many economists see it, is that smokers cover their own medical costs, not only by paying cigarette taxes - now more than 50 cents a pack - but also by dying before collecting their full share of health and retirement benefits.

The tobacco companies aren't sure how to cast this "death benefit argument," or if they should even raise it. And it may be rejected by judges. But the litigation raises questions for a society obsessed with toting up misery in dollars: How do we calculate what smokers cost everybody else? Should we acknowledge that sometimes death is helpful to the public treasury? And if that's so, where might such an argument end?

"Killing yourself by smoking incurs costs, which for yourself are horrendous and miserable, and for everyone else include higher insurance costs," said Peter W. Huber, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, who has written on product liability. "But there are offsets. It's quite possible that smokers are doing us all a small favor. It's a ghoulish argument - it's horrible - but if you're going to have an economic case, you've got to use

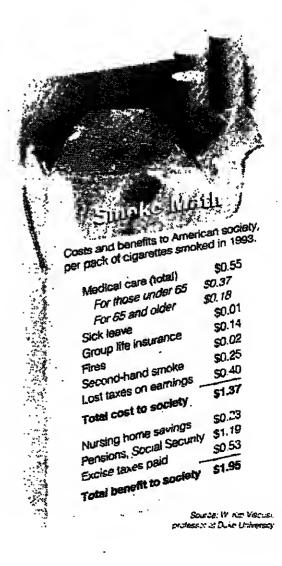
economics. You can't use sentiment.' Last week Maryland became the latest state to file suit, following Mississippi, Florida, Minnesota, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Texas and Louisiana; more states, including New Jersey and Connecticut, plan to file. They are suing not on behalf of smokers but for their own expenses. So they must establish that losses have occurred, and then, if they win, establish the amounts. The tobacco companies want an accounting of offsets, which means estimating what the states would have spent treating smokers, had they lived longer.

Economists at Work

Economists have already done a larger accounting. testing assertions that smoking imposes a big economic burden on society. Their answer, usually, is that it doesn't A widely cited study conducted for the Rand Corporation by Willard Manning, a health economist at the University of Minnesota, found that smokers had more medical expenses than nonsmokers and died about four years earlier; after they paid cigarette taxes, society came out ahead - in dollars, anyway.

In a 1994 study based in part on the Manning data, W. Kip Viscusi, a Duke University economist, found that smokers subsidize nonsmokers even without taxes. He but the medical costs attributable to smoking at 55 cents a pack sold, and added much smaller amounts for sick leave, higher insurance premiums and damage from fires caused by cigarettes. Smokers' early deaths cost the public another 40 cents a pack in forgone taxes on

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The World

This Russian Democrat May Bury His Cause

By MICHAEL SPECTER

Moscow

F the fate of Russia hinges on one man in this pivotal election year, most people would assume that man to be President Boris N. Yeltsin. Some would choose another name: Mr. Yeltsin's Communist opponent, Gennadi A. Zyuganov.

They might all be wrong. At this point, the person most likely to influence the outcome of Russia's presidential voting beginning on June 16 is probably a candidate with aimost no chance of winning: Grigory A. Yavlinsky, Mr. Yavlinsky, an economist who leads the largest democratic faction in Parliament, is running as the only man who truly represents reform in Russia.

. That may be, but the bizarre alliance announced last week among Mr. Yavlinsky, retired Gen. Aleksandr I. Lebed — who talks like a Russian Pinochet — and a crusading, Ross Perot-like eye surgeon cum entrepreneur, Svyatislav Fyodorov, has made it clear to many people here that Mr. Yavlinsky is not thinking only of democracy these days. With most polls saying he would get less than 10 percent of the vote, Mr. Yavlinsky seems to be thinking mostly of himself.

"The answer to the question will Russia defeat Communism rests with one man," Anatoly B. Chubais, a free-market economist ousted as Mr. Yeltsln's Deputy Prime Minister in January, told journalists last week. Mr. Chubais has swallowed his pride - as have many other reformers - and joined the Yeltsin campaign. "Everything depends on Grigory Yavlinsky," he says. "He can't fail to see that he won't become president. But he will take 70 percent of bis votes from Yeltsin. And that could guarantee that Mr. Zyuganov wins."

Mr. Yavlinsky says repeatedly that that kind of talk is nonsense. He claims that if there is a runoff between Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Zyuganov, Mr. Yeltsin will not have a chance. (If nobody receives 50 percent in the first round on June 16 there will be a runoff between the top two finishers three weeks later). Although he returned no phone calls for this article, Mr. Yavlinsky speaks to the press frequently and he has been clear in stating his belief that the real legacy of Russian reform rests on his shoulders alone.

Dangerous Game

"He is taking the moral high ground as if politics don't matter," sald Michael McFaul, a specialist on Russia's emerging democratic movements at Stanford University, "It is a tradition of Russian Intellectuals to do the righteous thing even if it makes no strategic sense. But the stakes are way too high for that and he is playing a very dangerous game. History will remember who was the spoiler if things go bad for democracy."

Mr. Yavlinsky, 44, leader of the Yabloko Party in Parliament, has spent much of his young life in the upper echelons of Russian politics. In 1989 he wrote a blueprint for radical economic reform that was praised in the West

but never implemented by the former Soviet President, Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Mr. Yavlinsky is a frequent visitor to Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government where he often speaks - in perfect English - and is widely admired in Washington.

Many people think he is actually trying to use his liberal credentials to become Mr. Yeltsin's Prime Minister. In that scenario, he would throw his support to Mr. Yeltsin in the second round. Mr. Yavlinsky could clearly help Mr. Yeltsin regain in a second term the strong reform support he has lost by failing to stop the civil war in Chechnya and by appearing to move away from his initial economic initiatives.

For Mr. Yavlinsky, holding the post would mean that if the 65-year-old President were to die in office - always a possibility, given his well-publicized health problems -Mr. Yavlinsky would take over for up to three months

Yavlinsky looks like a spoiler for Yeltsin and a boon to the Communists.

before having to call new elections.

There are several problems with that scenario, however. First, it is unclear whether people who voted against Mr. Yeltsin in the first round would change in the second. In the United States there is plenty of time between the primaries and the general election to heal factional wounds and unite behind a single candidate. In Russia there will be a few weeks and bitterness rarely recedes that quickly. Mr. Yavlinsky has been a vocal opponent of Mr. Yeltsin at least since the unpopular war in Chechnya began in late 1994, and it is hard to see how he can quickly reverse his field now that he has fully unleashed his anger

Second, the Russian Constitution now requires that a Prime Minister be approved by Parliament. (That was not necessary when the current Prime Minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, was appointed to the post). Parliament is now largely run by people who oppose Mr. Yavlinsky's politics, so it is difficult to Imagine that he could muster the votes necessary to win confirmation.

"The only real explanation is that the guy thinks he can win." said Yegor T. Gaidar, a former Prime Minister under Mr. Yeltsin who broke with him over the Chechnya war but last week said he would back the President because only he could stop a return to Communism. "I am prepared to look at any realistic scenario. But I don't see any way in the current scheme that Mr. Yavlinsky can expect to reach the second round of voting."

During the past two years there have been many debates in Russia about how to bring the reform-minded voters to the polls. Mr. Yavlinsky has always argued that more democracy is better, so more democratic candi-



Gen. Aleksandr I. Lebed, left, and Grigory A. Yavlinsky conferring in Pushkin Square in Moscow last month,

dates would be better too. He said in interviews before December's parliamentary elections - and since - that there was nothing to be feared from fielding many reform groups in a new country.

But the elections in December produced an overwhelmingly Communist and nationalist legislature, in part because the reform movement here has become so splintered that few factions could receive the 5 percent of votes necessary to enter Parliament. For this ourcome many blame Mr. Yavlinsky, who has never been willing

to join with other liberal groups. Because Mr. Yavlinsky is clearly so astute, it is hard to charge him with naiveté, That leaves other motives.

"Any union that excludes the strongest non-Communist candidate — Boris Yeltsin — is destined for catastro phe," said Vyacheslav Nikonov, writing in last week's issue of Moscow News. "It is clear now that the best real chance for a Communist victory this year is through the work of a group - led by Mr. Yavlinsky - that says it is opposed to Communism above all."

Through Thick and Thin

Is Peace's 'Honest Broker' Too Close to Peres:

By STEVEN ERLANGER

was Middle East week in the Oval Office last week, with President Clinton dividing up his time in the usual disproportion: two long visits with Israel's Prime Minister Shlmon Peres, and a brief Presidential one-on-one with a spruced-up. barbered, de-terrorized Yasir Arafat.

The Palestine Liberation Organization having finally voted to drop the clauses in its charter urging armed struggle to destroy the state of Israel, Mr. Clinton wanted to thank Mr. Arafat. But he also wanted to use the erstwhile terrorist as a prop for efforts to boost Mr. Peres, who faces a hard election on May 29, as well as boosting his own re-election image as a "foreign-policy President" who bringeth peace.

But after two violent and dramatic mooths in which Mr. Clinton has put the full weight of the United States not just behind Israel but behind the electoral ambitions of

With attention fixed on Israeli feelings, Arabs feel left out.

one Israeli party, there is increasing concern among Middle East specialists that America is losing something crucial - its critical distance from Israel - and thereby damaging its ability to play the "honest broker" for Israelis and Arabs.

America remains the single most influentiai player in the Middle East. But in its refusal to criticize Israel's tight closure of the West Bank and Gaza or recent military activities in southern Lebanon, there is a growing sense that Washington has lost its sense of moral proportion, misplayed its hand with Syria and sown new seeds of popular, youthful anger under its own moderate Arab partners, who have taken their own risks for peace.

The Clinton Administration decided a year and a half ago to bind Itself to Yitzhak Rabin, Mr. Peres and the Labor Party, to try to give skeptical foraelis the confidence to take the serious risks required for peace with the Palestinians and with Syria.

Earlier this year, Mr. Peres felt bold enough to call for early elections, but fsraeli confidence, badly cracked by the assassination of Mr. Rabin, was then shattered by four sulcide bombings in March by Palestinian rejectionists and then by a barrage of Katyusha rockets from southern Lebanon



Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel took his seat simultaneously with President Clinton last week at a White House ceremony.

into northern Israel.

But in the effort to salve Israelis and save Mr. Peres, Mr. Clinton has chosen tactics that undermine the traditional American role as honest broker, said Edward P. Djerejian, a former American Ambassador to Syria and Israel and now director of the James A. Baker 3d Institute at Rice Univer-Sity. "The shift is wrong," he said, in particular the American failure to call for "restraint on both sides" in response to the Hezbollah attacks. "The United States is the only honest broker, from 1967 on," he said, "and it's very important to maintain wellknown positions in a region where words have real meaning."

Senior Administration officials insist that it is "peace" they are supporting, not "Peres," and that support for Israel at its

most anxious moments was essential. They point to results: the successful American mediation to reinstall a cease-fire in Lebanon and northern fsrael, and the ability of Mr. Arafat to change the P.L.O. charter in the midst of the fsraeli shelling. "Our role isn't to be an umpire calling balls and strikes." one official said. "ft's to get involved to preserve stability in the region, protect Israel's security and advance regional peace."

Who Else, Indeed

In any event, this argument continues, who else is there to deal with except America, whether you're Benjamin Netanyahu, Mr. Peres's opponent in the elections, or Hafez al-Assad, the Syrian leader? And if you're Mr. Assad, who else but America can bring

Israel to the table?

indisputable, the critics argue, but shortsighted. If America identifies too thoroughly with Israef, justifying anything its ally does in the name of peace, the critical sympathy oeeded among Arabs to bring about a truly transformed "neighborhood" in the Middle East is undermined, particularly as negotiations move to their most difficult stage, with both the Palestinians and Syria.

Unless Arabs retain a feeling that there is fair play and proportion, peace will be a great deal barder to reach, this argument goes. Those who oppose peace, or who, like Mr. Assad, see benefits in delay, will be made stronger. "It's an entirely Israel-centric pollcy, and it creates all kinds of problems," said Judith Kipper, director of the Middle East

Instead of saying little, America might have called for restraint on both sides in Lebanon.

Forum of the Council on Foreign Relations. "It will get regurgitated later in the Arab"

world," she said, "in riots and unrest."

James J. Zogby of the Arab American Institute, a lobbying group, says, "By acquiescing to the Israeli assault on civilians and infrastructure in Lebanon and accepting the Israeli logic behind it, the United States has not only compromised its role as honest broker but also its Arab allies in the region."

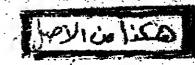
Tahseen Basheer, a retired Egyptian diplomat and aide to Anwar Sadat, now at the federally funded United States Institute of Peace, said that "Mr. Clinton and Mr. Peres talk of a lovely future for the Middle East, but Mr. Peres, in the closure and in Grapes of Wrath, responded totally out of proportion to the challenge he faced.

Alternatives:

There would have been little Arab criticism of a measured deterrence of the Iransponsored Hezboliah, which rocketed northern Israel from Lebanon, Mr. Basheer said. "But to do it by making refugees of 10 percent of the Lebanese is not a future Mideast that Arabs like," he added. Similarly with the Palestinian fundamentalists of Hamas. "No Arab wants a future Palestine" that renders the West Bank and Gaza into 500 separate villages and eight major towns separated from each other by Israeli-controlled highways, like a South African Bantustan," Mr. Basheer said.

No one questions the bedrock, bipartisan-American commitment to Israel's security since Truman's day, Mr. Djerejian said, But if America's role as a powerful, honest broker is weakened - whether by tactics, a failure to restrain Israel or by visible Syrian contempt for a Secretary of State - "we'll" never have any peace," he said. From military disengagement to Camp David to the Madrid peace process, he added, "the United" States has to make both sides a bit unhappy to get anything done."

"History," Mr. Basheer said, "argues fdr. peace, for the benefit of the average man in the Middle East. It is our only hope of modernization, of ending religious fanaticism and military regimes. But that can only happen if the peace is not one-sided, but a legitimate, fair peace that provides the Arabs a sense of pride and of fair play."



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Ideas & Trends

Measuring Men Up, Sperm by Sperm

By GINA KOLATA

HE question sounds so simple: Do men today have fewer sperm than their forebears? And the answer seems easy to get: Just look at sperm counts at different time periods.

But such an exercise is fraught with peril, as the highly specialized medical experts called andrologists well know.

It turns out that sperm counts, which some people see as the very essence of manliness, are among the more mysterious measures of bodily functions, varying as much as tenfold depending on such things as whether a man has ejaculated or bad the flu recently and whether he is a hot-tub habitue.

Some popular beliefs about sperm counts

— like the idea that jockey shorts lower the
count by heating up a main's testicles — turn
out to be myths. Meanwirle, new mysteries
are appearing. Researchers are nearly clueless about how to interpret a report, published last week in the journal Fertility and
Sterility, that sperm counts vary geographically, with sperm counts in New York nearly double those in Los Angeles.

The centers doing the sperm counts controlled the conditions in which sperm were collected, insisting, for example, on a fixed period of abstinence from sex prior to semen collection. And the investigators found no changes in sperm counts in each region for more than two decades, raising questions about allegations that environmental toxins were reducing sperm counts.

To the Last Drop

But one of the investigators, Dr. Harry Fisch at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, turned up something odd. He found that Los Angeles men had an average of 72.7 million sperm per millimeter of semen and New York men had 131.5 million sperm per milliliter. (A milliliter is roughly a grop.)

Unrelated studies of sperm counts in the rest of the world have shown widely varying counts too. The most recent study of France's average sperm count, for instance, put it at 98.8 million, the last in the United Kingdom was 91.3 million, Hong King had 83 million, Germany 74.4 million, Greece 72 million, Brazil 67.6 million, Tarzania 66.9 million, Libya 65 million, Nigeria 54.7 million and Thailand 52.9 million. Yet it is nearly impossible to get anything useful out of these counts. For starters, they were done in dif-

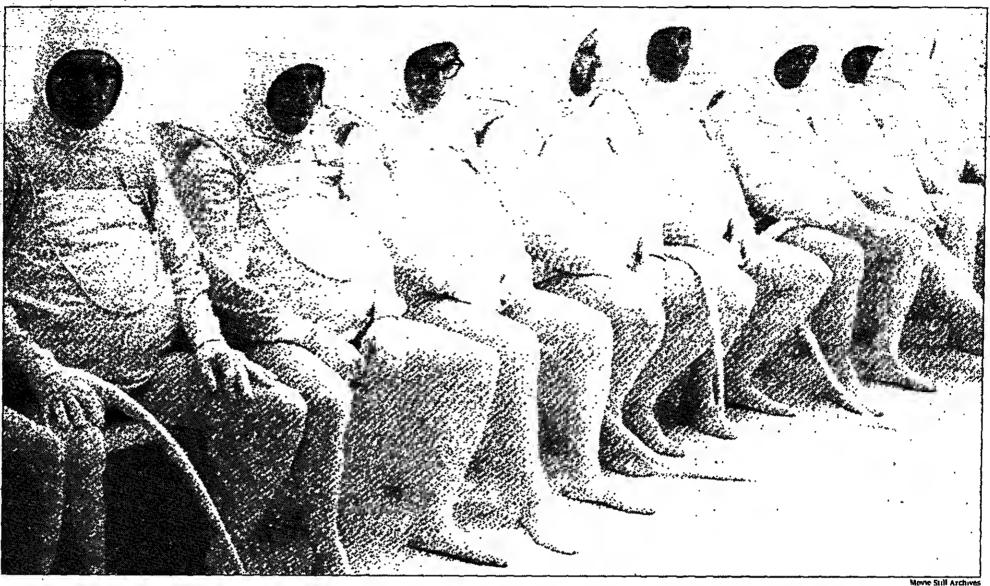
ferent years by different researchers.

In fact, the entire field of spermology is fraught with conflicts and confusion. "What's a normal sperm count?" asked Dr. Stuart Howards, a professor of urology and physiology at the University of Virginia Health Science Center. "What's the variability? No one knows."

Until now, researchers were focusing not on what were average sperm counts but on how many sperm a man needed to be fertile.

And the answer was, "not many."

A man with 15 million sperm per milliliter of semen is fully fertile, said Dr. Ronald Swerdloff of Harbor-U.C.L.A. Medical Center in Los Angeles. Fertility decreases as the sperm count drops below 15 million but men



Woody Allen, third from the left, as a sperm in a scene from his film, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask)."

with as few as one million sperm have fathered children without high-tech methods like in vitro fertilization.

And there is no evidence that men with more than 15 million sperm per milliliter of semen are more fertile, Dr. Swerdloff said. As much as men might like to brag about their sperm counts, more sperm do not make a man more virile.

Sperm are made at a constant rate in a

man's testicles and stored in a little pocket until ejaculation. The longer it has been since a man ejaculated, the more sperm build up, ready to be released. Dr. Richard Sherins, the director of andrology research at the Genetics and IVF Institute in Fairfax, Va., said be has seen men's sperm counts go from 10 million to 100 million sperm per milliliter of semen "based on a few weeks of abstience." Sperm counts can double, triple, even quadruple within a day or two of abstinence, Dr. Sherins said. "The longer you abstain, the more you build up," he added. The sperm are eventually released in a nocturnal emission. "Any married woman is sensitive to the fact that if she doesn't have sex with her husband, he will have a nocturnal emission," be said,

But, Dr. Sherins said, a report at a meeting of andrologists last week finally gave the lie to the widespread belief that jockey shorts can depress a man's sperm count. Men in a study wore very tight mylon athletic supporters for days on end, but their sperm counts were unaltered. It takes a very high temperature, like a fever of 104 degrees or frequent steam baths or saunas, to lower sperm counts temporarily, he said. A Turklish steam jacket, a kind of individual steam bath, would take a man's sperm count down to zero, he added.

Andrologists also agree that cigarette smoking, the use of recreational drugs and daily drinking of alcoholic beverages can push down a man's sperm count.

Although many men believe that stress depresses sperm counts, day-to-day emotional turmoils seem to have no effect on their sperm. Stress may lower sperm counts, Dr. Sherins said, but it takes "profound stress—and I underline profound."

Men who want to increase their counts will come up against a biological wall. "The amount of sperm that a man makes is con-

trolled biologically for him," Dr. Sherins said. And it now appears that different ethnic groups may have different sperm counts.

For example, new studies by Dr. Swerdloff indicate that Chinese men may have naturally lower sperm counts than white or Hispanic men. Dr. Swerdloff and Dr. Larry Johnson of Texas A & M University have been collecting the testicles of young men of Chinese, white and Hispanic ancestry who died suddenly. The investigators dissect the testicles and determine how many sperm they contain. The Chinese men, they discovered, have smaller testicles and fewer sperm. They are just beginning to test black men.

So could the racial mixes of Los Angeles and New York be the reason that Los Angeles men had such a comparatively pairry number of sperm?

"I don't know," Dr. Swerdloff said. "I'd have to look at the ethnic breakdown" in the two cities, he said. But, he added, "My guess is that it is not going to be the full explanation."

If animals are any indicator, it may be very difficult to find the true explanation.

Dr. Lee Silver, a mouse geneticist at

Princeton University, is looking for a mouse gene that cootrols sperm counts, and hoping from there to find a similar gene in men. But his data are puzzling.

A Mouse or a Man

Dr. Silver looked at two genetically inbred strains of mice. The mice within one strain were essentially identical twins— they had identical genes. And they were all 11 weeks old, all in identical environments and all celibate.

But even with identical conditions there was a large variation of sperm counts within each strain. One strain of mouse had sperm counts ranging from 5.6 million to 11.2 million, an almost twofold difference. The other strain had counts ranging from 16,800,000 to 22,400,000.

But enough about mice. How about men? New information suggests, Dr. Sherins said, that the amount of sperm produced is related to the size of the testicles, and that both are genetically determined. It's a matter of big testicles versus little testicles. "That's what it's all about," he said.

Citizens, Start Your Pumps

· How America Perpetuates Its Gas Crisis

By MATTHEW L. WALD

RIVING may be a little more expensive these days, but the main reason is not the price of gasoline. It's because of changes in the drivers and their cars.

Or rather, it is the changes in their vehicles, because what pulls up to the pump these days is often not a car. This year an estimated 4 in 10 new "light duty vehicles" sold will be vans, sport utility vehicles or pickup trucks. This is up from 1 in 10 in 1973, when the Arab oil embargo caused the first gas crisis, in an era when pickup trucks "actually saw hay, instead of worsted suits," as Daniel F. Becker, a spokesman for the Sierra Club, put it.

And car or not, they all cover more miles. In 1973 the vehicles traveled 5,350 miles per person; by 1994 they did 7,900, according to Dr. Lee Schipper, an energy researcher at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in Berkeley, Calif., who is currently on leave at the International Energy Agency in Paris.

Feed Me, Seymour

Working with data from the Transportation and Energy Departments, and Lawrence, Mr. Shipper calculated that the actual miles per gallon were 13.11 in 1973. The rate rose to 20.22 in 1985, under pressure from rising prices and the Federal law, the Corporate Average Fuel Economy standard. But by 1994, with the changing mix of vehicles, it dropped to 19.31 — drivers were trading in their early 1980's compacts for mid-1990's, behemoths. And where they used to drive 59 miles an hour, a hair above the speed limit, at 69 miles an hour, a hair above the new limit on some roads, those miles per gallon will continue to decline.

For a long time the two other important trends tended to cancel each other out: Fuel economy rose in the early 1980's, canceling out the increase in prices. Gasoline prices fell in the late 1990's, more than canceling out the decline in fuel economy. As a result, the cost of driving a mile peaked in 1979, at 51 percent higher than it was in 1973, but then it started to fall. By 1994, it was one third less

People Are Driving More

than it was in 1973.

Now, fuel economy is falling and the price per gallon increasing, so the cost per mile is climbing steeply, although it is no way near what the cost per mile was in 1973, Mr. Schipper said. "In terms of the cost curve, we're back to 1987," he said, referring to the recent fuel price increases. "And the world wasn't falling apart when we were paying that much."

Careful What You Ask For

People today work and shop farther from home, and have grown used to static gas prices even as the cost of everything else has risen

The price of a kilowatt-hour of electricity,

which is the second most common form of energy purchased by consumers, has risen 105 percent since 1978; gas is up 87 percent. But gas prices are always visible at the pump. How many people figure their energy costs by the kilowatt-hour?

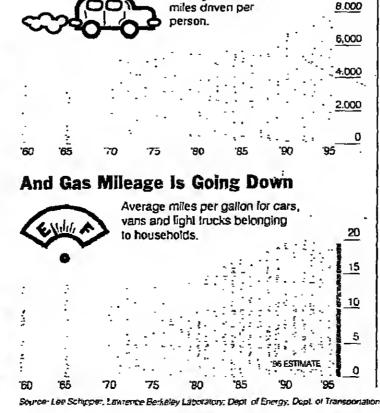
Taking inflation into account, the price of gasoline is startlingly low; gas in 1995 was at its lowest in 77 years, said the American Petroleum Institute, a trade association.

Americans reacted to that price predictably. They bought 7.79 million barrels of gasoline a day last year, up from 6.54 million in 1974.

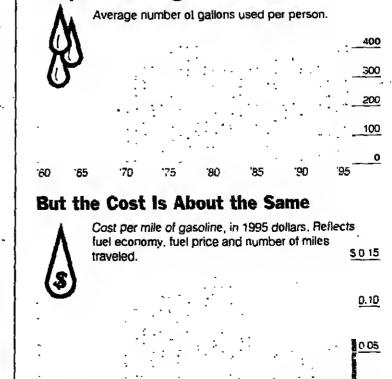
As far as the pinch created by driving big cars for more miles and at higher speeds, Mr. Schipper said, "My sense is, we asked for this"



In Racine, Wis., a driver fills the tank of a limousine that gets 14 miles to the gallon.



Average number of



People Are Using More Gas

Age-Bashing and Dole

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a forward-moving person."

In contrast with Mr. Dole, Mr. Reagan was for the most part wildly successful in defusing the age issue. For most of his tenure, Mr. Reagan played the sunny patriarch and even managed to attract college students to the Republican Party. He had an ageless quality, which his advisers enhanced with photo opportunities of him clearing brush and chopping wood at his ranch.

With a well-timed comment, Mr. Reagan put the age matter to rest in a 1984 debate with Walter F. Moodale, the Democratic nominee: "I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit for political purposes my opponent's youth and inexperience."

Mr. Dole offers his own version of that line, but his delivery is not as deft. He promises not to make age an issue, even though, he says, his cholesterol count and blood pressure are lower than the President's.

At virtually every public appearance, he also jests self-deprecatingly about his plan to pick Senator Strom Thurmond as his running mate because the 93-year-old would bring generational balance to the ticket.

Efforts to appear youthful fall flat, as when Mr. Dole posed for USA Today on his treadmill last July, wearing unlikely fitness gear: a dress shirt and what could have passed for boxers. And for all of his efforts to portray himself as more seasoned than Mr.' Clinton — calling himself "the comeback adult" in contrast to "the comeback kid" — the dour Mr. Dole has had difficulty turning age to bis advantage.

Last month he remarked that "if something happened along the route and you had to leave your children with Bob Dole or Bill Clinton, I think you'd probably leave your children with Bob Dole." But when The Washington Post offered that choice in a survey, 52 percent of the respondents chose Mr. Clinton as the baby sitter; 27 percent Mr. Dole.

The concerns about Mr. Dole's age are shared by Democrats and Republicans, and among adults of all ages. In a New York Times/CBS News Poll last month, 34 percent of Americans said Mr. Dole's age would be an obstacle to his serving as President; 58 percent said it did

Some older voters balk at Dole's stand on Medicare.

not matter, and 7 percent said it would help him. Many people think Mr. Dole would be too old to serve a second term and, as a result, are placing great emphasis on his search for a running mate.

Without prompting in interviews, voters of all ages often cite Mr. Dole's age as a problem. Though some older voters say his experience is a big advantage, many do not sound put off by efforts to portray Mr. Dole as a grumpy old man. "He's too old and he isn't dynamic," said Gene McEnecroe, 74, a Republican in Ontario, Calif. "I think he just can't win."

There are particular reasons why some older voters have not warmed to the notion of a Dole Presidency. Identifying with Mr. Dole too much for the candidate's comfort, some say that at their age they could not imagine being up to the demands of the Oval Office. Others, even if they resent the age-based blasts against Mr. Dole, are not willing to defend him because they object to his support for Republican plans to curn the growth of Medicare, the Federal health insurance program for older Americans.

Democrats say the age issue for them is like the character issue that Mr. Dole has against Mr. Clinton. In the same way that Mr. Dole does not bave to bring up Gennifer Flowers and questlons of Mr. Clinton's marital fidelity, Mr. Clinton does not have to remind people that Mr. Dole would be 77 at the end of a four-year term. All the while, his aides have been placing Mr. Clinton in youthful contexts: announcing a teen smoking initiative and efforts to protect young people from drugs, and making appearances at college graduations.

George Stephanopoulos, now 35 — one of those senior Clinton advisers derided as inexperienced whelps when Mr. Clinton first came to Washington (proof that the age issue cuts both ways) — insists that "the issue isn't age; it's ideas." Then, preferring to let the commerciais and coded messages speak for themselves, he added, "I've said absolutely all I'm going to say on the subject."

Meanwhile, Nelson Warfield, Mr. Dole's spokesman, warns that the Clintoo campaign had "better be careful on age — you count age in years, but also in judgement and wisdom."

In an odd twist, Mr. Dole may confront the issue head-on this week. As majority leader, he said he would bring to the Senate floor consideration of a bill that would allow state and local governments to impose mandatory retirement on firefighters and police officers oo the ground that the physical demands of those jobs are especially taxing. Mr. Dole has not stated his position.

Hail to the Old Man

When the Founding Fathers decided that a person should be at least 35 years old to be President of the United States, the life expectancy for a white male child at birth was slightly less than 35 years. Did they intend that the Chief Executive be at death's door before taking office? No, 18th century expectations for a typical adult's life span were not far from our own. Back then, if a man made

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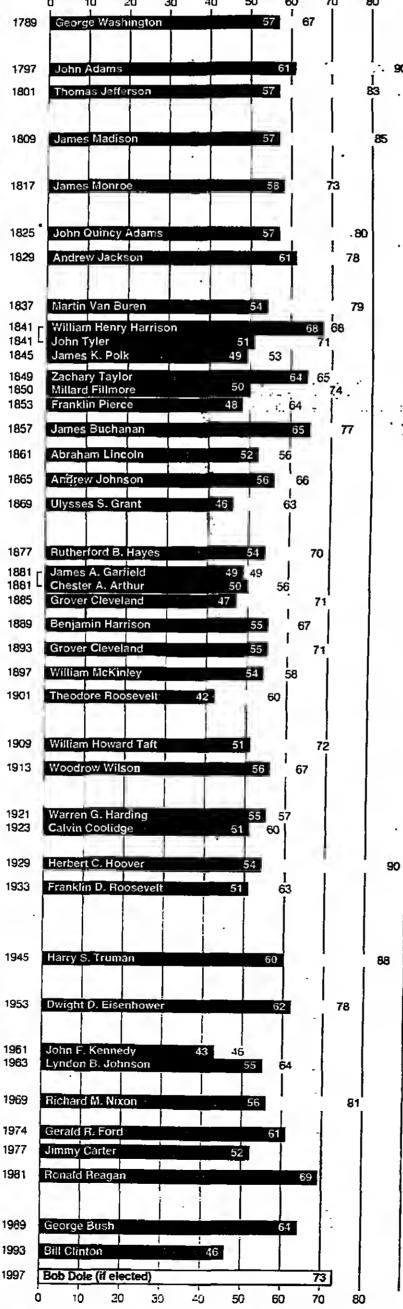
it to his 50th birthday, he could expect to live another 21 years. But high infant and child mortality rates reduced the likelihood that a boy born in 1789 would live 57 years, which was George Washington's age at the time of his inauguration.

It was not until Theodore Roosevelt

— the youngest President ever — took
office after McKinley's death that the
Commander in Chief's age fell below
the life expectancy for white males. At

about this same time, the average life span was increasing sharply. At the turn of the century, expansions in public health programs lowered infant mortality, and advances in medicine, like the sterilization of surgical equipment, kept adults alive longer. Years were added to the average life expectancy at the same strong rate until the 1950's, when increases leveled off to more modest improvements.

Even today, infant mortality and early illnesses still leave their mark on the life expectancy rate. So the life expectancy at birth in 1995 for a white male was 73.7 years, but if a white male reached age 72 (Bob Dole's age), he could expect to live another 11.3 years.



Before 1900, states kept only tragmentary informer on on birthe and deaths. The earliest ligure here, 1789, was from a study of 52 communities in Vissach usets and New Hampshire. Massachusetts, with the most complete state records, was also the course for the other available years. 1850, 1855, 1878-82, 1890 and 1893-97 data. Sources: Dictionary of American History, Change Scribber's Sans, 1978.

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How Much Smoking Costs

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earnings. Later, Mr. Viscusi figured health and insurance costs attributable to secondhand smoke, cautioning that his estimate of 25 cents a pack was drawn from highly uncertain data. At the same time, smokers saved taxpayers nursing-home care (23 cents a pack) and pension and Social Security costs (\$1.19). The net gain to society: 5 cents for every pack sold. Smokers also contributed 53 cents a pack in excise taxes, 29 cents of that going to the states.

The big savings come from retirement benefits, especially since smoking-related disease usually kicks in as one's working years end. Mr. Viscusi calculates total yearly pension savings nearing \$30 billion—most of which is realized not by the states but by private pension plans and the Social Security system. (Since about 30 percent of Medicare dollars go to nursing home care, the states save money there.) And if no one smoked? "Social Security would go bankrupt," be said. "We'd all have to work to age 80."

The Manning and Viscusi studies have their critics, including the plaintiffs. They prefer the estimates of smoking-related medical costs issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which are several times higher than the Manning-Viscusi estimates. Still other research has found that smokers have lower lifetime medical costs than nonsmokers.

The whole discussion disturbs many people. Jeffrey Harris, an M.I.T. economist who contends that most economists underestimate smokers' medical costs, said the real danger is to suggest that government weigh the savings from early deaths in making public policy decisions. Dr. Harris, who is also a physician, said an analysis like Mr. Viscusi's "is not including a key benefit to our society: We value life."

The plaintiffs' lawyers working for the states say tobacco companies are exactly the last people who should share in any death benefit. P. Tim Howard, retained by Florida's Attorney General, said: "I don't know that a court is going to say, 'Wow, you need an offset because you killed people.'"

To economists, though, the states' claims of losses

fail to make sense without offsets. As Jane Gravelle and Dennis Zimmerman, economists at the Congressional Research Service, wrote in an article in the Washington Post: "The alternative to death from a smoking-related illness is not immortality and perfect bealth — it is later death, and perhaps from a more costly illness."

Addicted to Taxes

So far, the defendants are not pushing the argument. "We didn't create this analysis, and we didn't go to court to assert it." said Murray R. Garnick, a Washington lawyer representing Philip Morris in several states, including Mississippi, where the issue has come up in court. There, Mr. Garnick explained, the state had asked the court to prohibit requests by the tobacco companies for documents relating to the state's net Medicaid expenditures for smokers.

Both sides are collecting numbers on crop subsidies, employment and other measures of tobacco's economic effects, though the courts would not likely go so far afield. But they may look at income from excise taxes, which Mr. Huber of the Manhattan Institute says points up "the biggest paradox of ail."

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"If the state thought it was being injured by tobacco, it could have banned tobacco," he said. "The state can prohibit four-wheel vehicles, hang-gliding, all sorts of things." But, he continued, "you might say the state is addicted to topacco revenues."

Legal scholars are loath to see the courts used as arbiters in such tortined political and economic debates. "To leave it to the fantastically uncertain and chaotic process of litigation is a very, very bad way to make public policy," stid Jeffrey O'Connell, a law professor at the University of Virginia.

But lawsuits make sease as a means of forcing a better solution, says Mr. (Connell. He says workers compensation-like legislation could protect tobacco companies from liability suits in return for payments into a fund for victims. "So maybe we can use the threat of litigation to accomplish something like this," he said, "Instead of having tiese voraciously competitive people pummel each other, and us in the process."

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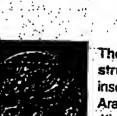
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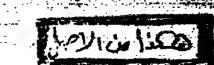
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Heinz Brings Up a New Baby But Stays on the Sidelines

BY CAROL MARIE CROPPER

N the 1987 movie "Baby Boom," Diane Keaton played a big-city management consultant who moved to small-town Vermont, cooked up homemade baby food, then fended off corporate America's attempt to take over her thriving enter-

In real life, things don't always work that way: Witness Ron and Arnie Koss, 45-yearold twin brothers who moved from New York State to Vermont and developed an organic baby food wholesome enough for their own children. Despite the upstart brand's growing sales, the brothers lost control of their baby to venture capitalists and a hotshot professional manager who they say didn't even return their phone

Then, this March, H. J. Heinz, the Pittsburgh food-processing giant, bought the company, Earth's Best, for about \$30 million. While it promises to stick to the founders' principle of purity, it made no written guarantees when the deal was done. What is more Heinz is considering a move to capitalize on the Earth's Best reputation for quality by attaching its new company's name to everything from pacifiers to soups for grown-ups. And all this from a company whose main brand of baby food has been knocked by one influential consumer group as being "mutritionally inferior."

The brothers wish they had been able to hold onto their company. Still, they realize that Heinz can do big things for the brand name they nursed for so long. "My brother and I got into this because we wanted to see this food available to children," Ron Koss

The Kosses' inability to hold onto their company shows how easy it is for starryeyed idealists to get waylaid by the earthy realities of American capitalism. All too frequently, beginning entrepreneurs learn an old truth the hard way: No matter how brilliant your concept, it probably won't succeed without marketing know-how and plenty of capital to get you through the bumpy ride of the early years. And the people with the money and the expertise they need - venture capitalists and big corporations - are forever on the prowl to make cheap acquisitions of start-up companies with first-rate products and inexperienced managers.

Ron and Arnie Koss certainly fit the mold of budding entrepreneurs with no money, a hot idea and only the vaguest notion of how to turn it into a marketable product. They got their brainstorm in the mid-1970's while working as clerks in natural-food stores in upstate New York. They noticed that in the cornucopia of health metchandise for adults there was nary a spoonful of organic anything for babies.

It wasn't just that they had found an opening for a niche product that big companies had overlooked. Both men felt drawn to the all-natural precepts of the environmental movement. Ron Koss, a vegetarian, remembers reading Rachel Carson's book, "Silent Spring," which describes the dan-gers of pesticides to animals, and "imagining that children would be especially sensi-

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tive to pesticides, just as the eggs of bald eaples were."

"I am an environmentalist," he added. "I started Earth's Best because I have a connection to this planet, and I have a love of

Even so, years passed before the brothers acted on their inspiration. Ron took a job managing a Ronald McDonald house for seriously ill children and their parents in Burlington, Vt. Arnie, who was more entrepreneurial, started a tiny company in the same town that produced handmade brooms in the style of old-time Shaker com-

In 1984, the time seemed right to revive their long-dormant dream. Ron Koss's first son, Gabriel, had been born the previous year, giving the twins their first taste-tester. And, unbelievable to them, a decade after they began to talk about it, oobody else had yet hit bard oo the notion of selling organic food to parents.

. First, they had to find some start-up capital. Arnie sold his business, but that wasn't nearly enough. They hit pay dirt with Ray Pecor, a local businessman who now owns the minor league Vermont Expos baseball

Heinz tries an organic baby food.

team. Mr. Pecor took an immediate liking to Arnie and signed a bank loan for \$25,000. "I was impressed with his enthusiasm and his work ethic," Mr. Pecor says of the curly haired man who appeared in his office in blue jeans. "This was a love affair with a product for him, rather than a busioess venture."

That initial cash infusion enabled the Kosses to do some nutritional and product research. But it wasn't enough to lease a factory, buy equipment, purchase organic fruits and vegetables and hire workers. So off they went, knocking on doors of banks and private investors. "We looked like a couple of curly haired flakes" and endured lots of rejections, Arnie Koss said. "But we didn't go away."

They managed to raise \$1.3 million, enough to get them started. In December 1987, in a small concrete building on Pond Lane in Middlebury, VL, with a view of the Green Mountains, they watched the first jars of Earth's Best bump off the production

"They were filled with organic apple puree," Arnie Koss recalled proudly.

That moment of glory was short-lived. Like millions of entrepreneurs before them, the Koss brothers soon discovered an unforgiving reality of the marketplace: making a great product is no guarantee that it sold at a profit.

Within months, Earth's Best was out of money. The Kosses were forced to lay off the 60 workers they bad just hired and began a desperate search for more financing. What went wrong? "Baby food Is capital-intensive," Arnie Koss explained. Perishable ingredients like blueberries and plums must be bought a year in advance,

when they are in season, then frozen. Com-

Koss said. The two partners finally raised an additional \$300,000 but went through it quickly as they rehired laid-off workers, bought produce, built inveotory and marketed their goods. But sales were zooming, from about \$1.5 million in 1988 to about \$3.5 million in

petition for grocery shelf space is so fierce

that some stores charge for it. "Large

amounts of money disappear quickly," Mr.

Finally, in late 1989, they made the fateful decision to seek money from venture-capital firms. These firms specialize in buying equity interests in promising but troubled companies, turning them around and selling them at a big profit. The brothers got a buge infusion of cash - more than \$6 million but their success was bittersweet. The venture-capital industry is notorious for oegotiating tough terms, and many entrepreceurs put off seeking their belp as long as possible. But the Kosses were desperate, and in the end they made a huge sacrifice: to save Earth's Best, they gave up a cootrolling interest in it.

"My No. I priority was to protect the company and the employees of the company and not my own position," Arnie Koss said. "Ron and I knew before we even raised a penny that we were getting into something that was so big that loss of control was a

very high probability." The new majority stockholders included firms run by Gregory Peters, general partner of North Atlantic Venture Funds and the Venture Capital Fund, both of Burlington, and four other venture capital firms around the Northeast. And the Koss brothers were quick to realize that the price of their financial deliverance was more than just losing control. They were turning over a product born of idealism to the number crunchers who viewed it as a commodity, not a way to help build a better world.

"At some level they believed in the product in terms of its value to society," Arnie Koss said of his new partners. But, he added, "They were making an investment because they thought there was a huge windfall to be made."

Mr. Peters said the venture capitalists were attracted to Earth's Best in part because of its product. "We saw a company committed to providing high-quality, healthy foods to infants," be said, He declined to comment on whether the venture capitalists were too obsessed with the bottom line.

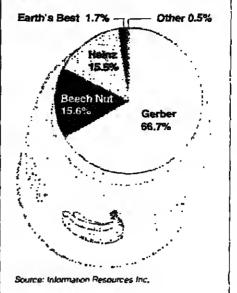
One of the first things the new owners demanded was that Arnie Koss step down as president of the money-losing company. "It became a condition of the investment," Arnie Koss said. "They just decided they wanted their own guy there." Both brothers stayed on until mid-1990 as executive vice presidents, then left for good.

"Those guys didn't have a clue who Ron and I were and what we were capable of.' Arnie Koss said. "Ron and I weren't cut out of the M.B.A. mold."

An entrepreneur's loss of control over the company he or she created is a common tale in American capitalism. Bob Iverson, the founder of Kiwi International Airlines, was ousted as chief executive last year. In 1993,

Spoon Food

Shares of the almost \$900 million baby food market, for the 52 weeks ended March 24. Figures do no! include sales at health-food stores, an area where Earth's Best dominates.



Kendall Square Research, a Bostoo maker of supercomputers, dismissed its founder, Henry Burkhardt 3d, and in the previous year the Compaq Computer Corporation eased out its founder, Joseph R. Canion.

Some of the departing founders go down fighting and remain bitter; others prefer dignified exits. Usually, though, the business world concludes that the entrepreneurs have outlived their usefulness. In this case, even the Kosses' original backer, Mr. Pecor. approved the venture capitalists' decision. Arnie Koss "didn't have the background to manage a millions-of-dollars-a-year business," he said. "The next step needed professional management."

Earth's Best weot through two professional managers in two years, the first replacing Arnie and the second coming on board a few months after Arnie left. But the company was still losing money. Then, in November 1991, it hired Jay G. Shoemaker, who had left Whitman's Chocolates as president after its sales were disappointing and had worked as a manager at General Mills Inc. Mr. Shoemaker, who received an M.B.A. degree at Harvard, makes no pretense that organic baby food has a special place in his heart. For him, business is all about selling; what he sells is secondary. "I'm not really a product guy," he said. "I don't really come in and say, 'I really love this product so I'm going to buy the busioess.' It has more to do with strategic opportunity."

Arnie Koss has a low opinion of businessmen with such theories. "They just had one thing on their mind, and that was how to make the most money in the shortest amount of time," he said.

lo the fiscal year of Mr. Shoemaker's arrival, Earth's Best had revenue of \$8 million - and losses of \$7 million. Despite that huge deficit, there was a bright side: The company had survived four years in a competitive market that had mashed other organic baby foods made by later entries into the field. Mr. Shoemaker diagnosed

Earth's Best's problem as poor management and figured he was just the man to turn it around. "Anytime you can see a business that is succeeding despite itself, then obviously you can come in there and clean up the problems," he said. "Then you're removing the impediments to real

growth and to real earnings." In January 1992, Mr. Shoemaker thought nothing of moving the company's headquarters from Middlebury, where it all started, to Boulder, Colo. In May, he shut down the Middlebury factory and laid off about 50 workers, farming out production to a California company. Then he turned to the investment arm of SunAmerica Inc., the large insurance and investment company based in Los Angeles, for a \$5 million loan.

The next year, SunAmerica invested another \$1.8 million and eventually became the company's largest stockholder, followed by Orien Ventures, an Oregon venture capital firm. Together, they held majority control, with more than 200 other shareholders bringing up the rear. By then, the twins held only warrants to purchase stock that would in the end entitle them to only eight-tenths of I percent of the company they founded.

Slowly but surely, Earth's Best pulled out of the doldrums. With so much money and management expertise behind it, it approached the black for the first time in the 1995 fiscal year, earning \$200,000 before interest payments on \$23.8 million in sales. (It lost \$800,000 after interest was deduct-

Enter H. J. Heinz. The \$8 billion food behemoth had been eyeing Earth's Best since 1988. In 1991, it toyed with the notion of making a bid to acquire it. But like many big corporations, it wanted to wait for the small company to prove it was viable before strik-

The reason we walked away from it back then is because we thought it could be a fad," said Al Banisch, senior product manager for infant feeding at Heinz U.S.A. Also, Heinz wasn't sure that it should be moving into the organic-food business, which by definition requires a steady supply of organic produce. In its early years, Earth's Best was plagued with shortages that resulted in the sudden disappearance and then reappearance of varieties from store shelves a forgivable lapse for a small company but not for a household name like Heinz.

Still, with sales of organic foods growing more than 20 percent a year recently, other big companies had already embraced health food. In 1989, the J. M. Smucker Company acquired Santa Cruz Natural (now Santa Cruz Organic), a maker of organic fruit juices. The oext year, Welch Foods Inc. bought a controlling interest in Cascadian Farms, which produces organic foods in jars and frozen form.

Last year, Heinz had a change of heart. It began io July when a senior executive, Brian Ruder, was named president of Heinz U.S.A.'s retail division, with responsibilities for both baby food and ketchup. Mr. Ruder had seen organic baby food in Europe while serving as a vice president in charge of developing Heinz's worldwide baby-food business. And his own brother, who lived in Boston, fed his infant son Earth's Best instead of Heinz

Within two weeks of his promotion, Mr. Ruder called Mr. Shoemaker. Less than eight months later, the two had worked out a deal for the sale of the company for around \$30 million. Earth's Best's board, controlled by vecture capitalists, quickly approved the transaction.

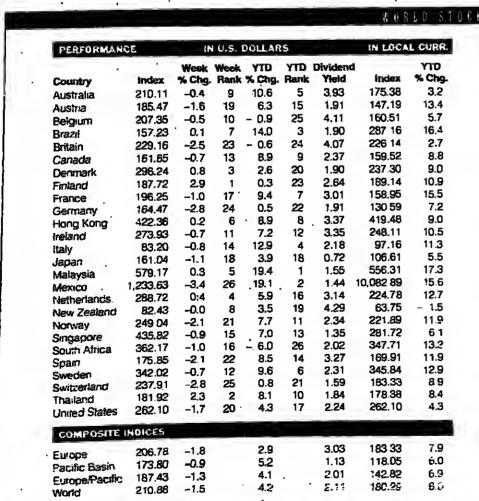
The Koss brothers, their stake now reduced to less than I percent, got less than \$300,000.

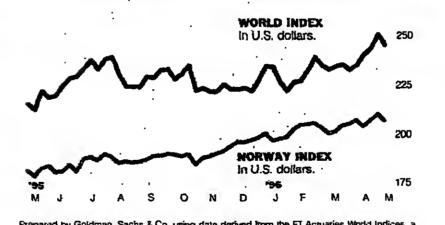
Arnie Koss doesn't try to hide his disappointment about the way the agreement was consummated. "Of course I would have preferred that Earth's Best had remained independent," he said. "My opinion was not sought f did call Jay Shoemaker and he did not return my call." Mr. Shoemaker, who was chief executive of Earth's Best at the time, says he doesn't recall getting the call.

Mr. Ruder, the Heinz executive now in charge of Earth's Best, is already thinking about ways to exploit its name. He says he hopes to expand the Earth's Best line to everything from adult foods like soups and sauces to perhaps, accessories like pacifiers and baby bottles - all "made in an eovironmentally sensitive way."

"The Earth's Best trademark bas become a Good Housekeeping seal of approval for organics," he said enthusiastically. "We think there's very strong brand equity and it's extendable to other categories."

But is there a danger that Heinz, m attaching the name to new products, will water down the brand's appeal? After all, one reason for the success of Earth's Best was the homey image of two brothers stewing apples in Ron Koss's kitchen and tastetesting them on his six-month-old. The consuming public's perception of such dedication to quality contrasts sharply with its suspiciousness toward an industry with a checkered history of mass-producing baby





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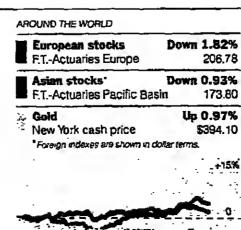
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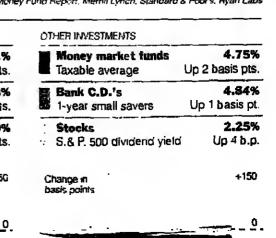
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Boston's Big Dig Is Big on Safety

To the Editor:

Roe, as Abraham Lincoln sought

Re "On Abortion, Will Dole Respect Rule of Law?" (letter, April 30); Harold R. Tyler Jr. and Robert M_Pennoyer are wrong. Roe v. Wade is bad because it goes beyond any reasonable extension of enumerated

powers under the Constitution. The Court occasionally goes haywire. Think of Dred Scott (no state could abolish slavery); Plessy v. Ferguson (education could be separate and equal); the Child Labor Cases (the states could not legislate to pro-

'Upheaval and Calm as Big Dig

Transforms Boston" (front page,

April 28), while a comprehensive story on Boston's Central Arterv-

Third Harbor Tunnel project, omits

how workers' health and safety is being safeguarded oo this largest public works project in the nation.

Construction, which employs five

million people a year, is among the

most hazardous work in this country.

Nearly two of five workers are in-

jured annually and nearly 1,000 a year

die from accidents on the job. The life

span of workers is 10 years less than

est heavy construction projects for

workers on record. Among its inno-

vations are site-specific safety plans

The University of Massachusetts

and Massachusetts General Hospital

are collaborating to examine safety

and health interventions on the Big

Dig. The project's goals include re-

ducing work-related musculo-skele-

tal disorders, noise-induced hearing

loss and respiratory health effects

The Big Dig is notable for innova-

for dust, diesel and silica.

To the Editor:

Boston's Big Dig is one of the saf-

that of the general population.

and full-time safety personnel.

tect working children). Dred Scott. To the Editor: was revised by amendments; Plessy and Child Labor were overruled.

Senator Dole seeks overruling overruling Dred Scott. The constitutional Roe ought to end. The political and legislative issues are different. Roman Catholics, conservative Protestants, Orthodox Jews and Muslims oppose abortion. Senator Dole can be a good Republican and support their JOHN P. CAMPBELL New York, May 1, 1996

Dole Is Right to Seek Reversal of Roe v. Wade Judaism endorses the belief that a woman has the right to control her reproductive life. That is why the majority of Jews support President Clinton's veto of an abortion bill that would have curtailed a woman's right to abort a fetus at a time when either it had become nonviable or when proceeding with the pregnancy would have become medically dangerous to the woman. A similar position is shared by millions of Christians.

O'Connor's opposition to the President's veto deserves to be balanced by a report on the attitude of those millions more whose faith leads them to conclude that the President's veto was legitimate, legally precedented and morally justifiable. In a year when "abortion politics" may play an unduly prominent role, the American people's beliefs must not be ignored.

Re "Lawmakers Agree on Testing Babies for the AIDS Virus" (front page, May 1): As a family nurse practitioner, I must tell people that the AIDS Drug Assistance Program does not cover a new class of drugs. protease inhibitors, that show promise in treating the disease. The Gov-

Still, certain legislators want to increase medical costs by mandating often unnecessary testing that will uncover some cases of H.LV. Individuals with H.I.V. identified through this program will be added to the pool of patients that the same legislators have told us we cannot afford to treat adequately. This is wasteful and

New York, May 1, 1996

Politics in India

rial, April 30):

India has had a thriving democracy since its independence almost balf a century ago. Every election has been keenly anticipated, actively partici-

the largest electorate in the world. The elections in the past two decades testify to the sagacity of the Indian voter - in spite of a stereotype of being illiterate and Ignorant. The fractious nature of India's politics is what keeps democracy vi-

It is too often said that every 10th person on earth is eligible to vote lo

What is amazing is that every 16th human being will have made his or her choice by the time that the polling is completed. The level of particlpation will be a source of envy in developed countries like the United States. P. J. NARAYANAN Plttsburgh, April 30, 1996

Re "India's Epic Election" (editorial, April 30): You imply that capitalism and the creation of wealth is the only way to solve India's problems. I disagree. The lodian state of . Kerala bas shown that through egalipoor (and stagnant) economy can dequately take care of its citizens.

You imply that if the Indian People's Party were to come to power, it would be a threat to secularism and "free eoterprise." In fact, as avowed right-wingers, they may be in the best position to compromise (com-

As for enterprise, they are dominated by the merchant classes; they are only opposed to the 'pillage and rapine," as they might put it, of transnational giants. Surely you can understand this suspicion — India has been colonized and lonted for many centu-

Stanford, Calif., April 30, 1998

Don't Limit Welfare

Without Job Investment

To the Editor: As co-conveners of a coalition of African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Muslim and Jewish leaders, we applaud Boh Herbert's objections to proposals in the New York State Legislature to set time limits on wel-

fare benefits (column, April 26). Time limits are intended as a way to move people off welfare and into the work force. But where are the jobs? Since 1990 New York City has lost more than 300,000 jobs. Moreover, the Labor Department says 75 percent of the city's major employers require skills for entry-level positions beyond those afforded by a high school education. Compounding these difficulties is the unavailability of af-

fordable, high-quality child care. The Legislature and Gov. George E. Pataki should take the steps needed to help individuals and families move into the mainstream of economic life by investing in programs and supports that make self-sufficiency possible. NORMAN H. STEIN

DENNIS M. WALCOTT New York, May 1, 1996 The writers are, respectively, New York chapter president: American Jewish Committee, and president of the New York Urban League.

Rebuilding Bosnia Cannot Wait

Three and a half years of merciless war have left Bosnia's economy and society shattered. Twothirds of the country's housing lies damaged or destroyed. Half the prewar hospital beds are gone, along with half the doctors and nurses. Roads and bridges are impassable and some four million hidden mines await potential victims. Gas, electricity and telephone lines are ruptured and three out of four adults have lost their livelihoods.

So far too little has been done to address these crushing problems. The large reconstruction effort promised as part of the Dayton peace agreement has fallen badly behind schedule.

The delay has potentially severe consequences for sustaining peace in Bosnia. Improvements in the lives of ordinary Bosnians are the most effective way to reinforce the Dayton settlement. If the rebuilding of Bosnia's civil society does not begin in earnest immediately, the peace could start to crumble by the time NATO forces depart at the end of this year, creating pressure for the troops to extend their stay. The nearly \$2 billion so far pledged in aid must be put to quick and effective use

To that end, President Clinton and European leaders should shift their focus from military to civilian aspects of the peace settlement and bring a new sense of urgency to bear on such questions as putting people back to work, assuring free and fair conditions for this summer's elections and making it possible for people to cross ethnic boundaries without fear. They must see to it that the international coordinators of civil reconstruction, chiefly Carl Bildt of Sweden and Robert Frowick of the United States, have the determination and re-

sources they need to get the job done. The best insurance against renewed warfare in Bosnia would be finding jobs for some 300,000 former soldiers now demobilized. Tens of thousands of women who lost husbands in the war also must find ways to provide for their families. International reconstruction aid should be channeled as quickly as possible into job-creating projects rebuilding housing, roads and bridges.

Meanwhile, Bosnia is preparing for elections. For these to be conducted fairly, giving moderates a chance to displace the extremists responsible for the war, independent candidates will need access to print and broadcast media now dominated by ethnic parties and governments. Mr. Frowick, who has chief responsibility for supervising the elections, has been trying to expand election coverage and set up new broadcast outlets, but his efforts have not yet produced acceptable results.

The Dayton agreement also assures refugees, a large proportion of Bosnia's population, the right to vote. But some European countries warn that those who exercise this right could forfeit their refugee status. Mr. Frowick and Mr. Bildt must make sure this threat is withdrawn.

For civilians to move freely throughout the country, they must get past roadblocks manned by armed ethnic militias and survive attack from hostile mobs uncontrolled by local police. Mr. Bildt's civilian monitors should insist that local police secure safe passage for civilians, NATO forces, which have begun accompanying refugee convoys, should prod local military units to respect Dayton's guarantees of free movement.

There is still time to save the civil side of the peace effort if Mr. Bildt and his team move more swiftly in the next eight months than they have in the last four. The unacceptable price of further delay is likely to be new warfare or the long-term commitment of American and European forces

Parental Rights and Wrongs

5." The Christian Coalition and its political allies are campaigning to establish the right to raise one's child free of outside interference. Parents, in their view, can no longer spank a child without belng harassed by a government agency, while schools are constantly subjecting children to offensive sexual materials or anti-religious teachings.

Enshrining "parental rights" as a general principle sounds reasonable enough. But the bills being pushed in Congress and in many state legislatures would disrupt school boards and child welfare agencies with lawsuits, undercutting their ability to work out disagreements by consensus and consultation.

"Parental rights" has only recently sprung up as a conservative cause. Senator Charles Grassley, an Iowa Republican, has significant support in Congress for a bill that would outlaw any attempt by Federal, state or local governments to "interfere with or usurp the right of a parent to direct the upbringing of the child" and grant parents the right to press any violation of the act in Federal or state court. More than two dozen state legislatures are considering bills or ameodments to their constitutlons with similar language.

The Christian Coalition's aim is to use the issue to confront President Clinton in the hope that he will veto something that sounds like a simple matter of traditional values. But the real agenda of many supporters is to block schools from carrying out reasonable sex-education programs and even the teaching of evolution. They also wish to blunt the movement to grant children rights of their own.

There have certainly been cases of callous behavior by school boards and child welfare agencies. Parental rights groups say that some AIDS awareness and sex-education programs offend many parents, and that child welfare ageocies have interfered with the right of parents to punish or restrict their children.

But as these same conservatives tirelessly argue on other issues, these disputes are best resolved locally between parents and their school authorities

without government interference. Indeed, school boards are already learning to be more sensitive to parents' complaints. In some cases, they have even allowed parents to withdraw their childreo from programs that offend them.

Conservative legal theoreticians like Robert Bork and Justice Antonin Scalia of the Supreme Court have long warned against the dangers of establishing vague new classes of rights. Their supporters in Congress and the legislatures, however, seem to agree with that principle only when It serves their political ends.

In this case, the warnings are sound. Establishing parental rights would make it easier for parents to file lawsuits against everything from sex education to the teaching of evolution and certain works of literature by Mark Twain or Shakespeare. It would also invite parents to use the threat of expensive and time-consuming litigation to harass local school boards and authorities into withdrawing cootroversial courses.

Advocates of the measure argue that it contains language allowing authorities to act in cases of child abuse or neglect. They would be prevented from intervening only in instances of "reasonable corporal discipline." But states generally have laws allowing parents to use corporal punishment in limited instances.

It also seems odd that at a time when House Speaker Newt Gingrich argues that some children are better off in orphanages than in their own dysfunctional families, his ideological allies are pushing measures that could make it harder for government agencies to prevent abuse in families. Civil libertarians argue, for instance, that the bills might even make it easier for parents to ignore child labor laws, curfews and other laws and regulations that, at least in theory, interfere with their rights.

If there are government abuses, they are best debated and exposed at the local level, where commoo sense has a habit of prevailing. Enshrining a new set of "rights" for parents will only create mischief in service of a shortsighted political

Give City Kids a Summer Break

Just about this time, many New Yorkers arebeginning to plan their summer getaways. Some will have the luxury of hiding out in the Hamptons while the city steams. Many more will take a precious week or two in the mountains or at the shore, where the air is cool and there are places to get wet, to breathe clean air, to feel the quiet of the country, to hear birdcalls and breaking surf.

Thanks to the Fresh Air Fund, many city kids whose families cannot afford this luxury can get out of the baking city each summer to cool off and just be kids. For Fresh Air Fund children, this time is magic time. Suddenly they are allowed to get wet and dirty, to pick up things from the ground, enjoy nature, wander freely without constant parental supervision, to run and yell.

This will be the 120th summer that the fund has sent city children to the country. Most go to volunteer host families through the Friendly Town program. The children stay with families in 13 states and Canada for at least two weeks. Many form lasting bonds with their host families, returning summer after summer. This year the fund hopes to send about 7,000 children to such families and 2,900 to Fresh Air Fund camps. It costs the fund \$338 to send a child to a host family and \$932 for a two-week stay at a camp.

In addition, the fund started a Career Awareness Camp last summer that combines traditional camping activities with a curriculum that helps young people plan for their futures.

Last year the fund raised \$4,496,785. This year it hopes to raise \$4,576,441 by September. Donations help pay for staff members in New York City who match children with host families, publicize the program in city neighborhoods and coordinate the activities of volunteer committees in host communities.

The program pays for the children's transportation and all expenses at the fund's camps. Host families receive no pay and are not required to meet any financial tests. Most of these families end up feeling they have received more than they have

The Fresh Air Fund is a not-for-profit agency. More than 80 percent of its funding comes from individual contributions. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Fresh Air Fund, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10018. Families wishing to be hosts may call (800) 367-0003.

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Cosmo and Its Cousins Meet Women's Needs

Re Maureen Dowd's "Cosmlc Girl" (column, April 28); Excuse me, hut doesn't Helen Gurley Brown, the editor of Cosmopolitan magazine, deserve praise for being among publishing's most innovative leaders?

Women's magazines are popular, They sell because they are packed with helpful, relevant information about women's lives. For every article like our "Dare to Compare! The Sex Experience Survey," there is a feature like our interview with Leah Rabin on Israel's future. For every feature on how to keep a man, there is one on when to dump him.

I'm not sure why certain women get in a lather over the sexual content of womeo's magazines. There is an assumptioo that serious women wouldn't want to waste their time reading about sex. If we're going to do it - and

Fairness on Gambling

To the Editor:

Re "Gambling in the Sunlight" (editorial, April 27): Legislation proposed by Representative Frank Wolf to study the gaming-entertainment industry would result in a study that Is neither fair nor balanced, since it gives control of the proposed com-

mission to gaming opponents. Gaming is not right for everyone. All we ask is that Congress write legislation to assure the one million men and women employed by the industry that we will not be run over

hy zealots on a witch hunt. Contrary to your editorial, we have always supported an industry study of all forms of gaming.

We also support hearings and would be happy with recommendations made to state and local governments on all related issues. But subpoena power for a commission would be an intrusion into the proprietary information of publicly held compa-FRANK J. FARRENKOPF JR.

President and Chief Executive American Gaming Association Washington, April 30, 1996

information on how to do it better? Or would Ms. Dowd prefer that we remain as repressed as our moth-

tions in worker health and safety

protection that are saving lives,

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Massachusetts; and on the staff of

Massnchusetts General Hospital.

L. CHRISTINE OLIVER, M.D.:

Lowell, Mass., May 2, 1996

SUSAN WOSKIE

SUSAN MOIR

health and money.

If one day I have the privilege of editing Cosmopolitan, I won't be listening to those critics who refuse to accept the reality of women's BONNIE FULLER Editor in Chief, Marie Claire New York, April 30, 1996

To the Editor:

Helen Gurley Brown deserves more credit than Maureen Dowd gives her (column, April 28). As Ms.: Dowd points out, all women's magazines run risque articles; and Cosmopolitan certainly keeps up. The Cosmo Girl, scantily clad though she may be, is also a self-improver.

I was delighted when Cosmopolitan recently asked me to write two quizzes on word usage: "How Good Is Your Grammar?" and "How Well Do You Use Your Words?" Sample questions? "Which bikini do you think i should bring/take to St. Kitts?" "I tried to flirt, but he seemed disjuterested/uninterested." Ms. Brown wants her readers to be smart as well:

CAROL WESTON as sexy. New York, April 29, 1996

Publishing for Less

To the Editor:

Your April 28 front-page article on self-publishing says that Barbara Saltzman spent \$250,000 publishing her late son's book, as compared with the "huge sums" she would bave had to pay a "so-called vanity" publisher.

A vanity publisher would have charged her much less, and if Mrs. Saltzman had put in the same amount of work promoting the book, would have sold as many copies. Besides, since when is \$250,000 not a huge sum? MARTIN KLEINWALD

President, Vantage Press New York, April 29, 1996

Pataki Had No Power to Remove Prosecutor

To the Editor:

Re your April 29 news analysis on Gov. George E. Pataki's removal of the Bronx District Attorney, Robert T. Johnson, from the case involving the murder of a New York City police officer: The New York Civil Liberties Union, which has filed suit on behalf of a group of Bronx voters and taxpayers to oppose the removal, finds several aspects of the article misleading. You represent Mr. Johnson as a

lower-level official within the executive branch, Mr. Johnson, like the Governor, is elected. He does not serve at the Governor's pleasure, and state law and the state and Federal Constitutions limit the Governor's authority to remove him from a case or from his office except in the most extraordinary of circumstances. No such circurnstances exist in this case.

Contrary to your suggestion, Mr. Pataki's action does raise separationof-powers concerns. The Governor has argued that Mr. Johnson failed to comply with the new death penalty law by refusing to consider seeking the death penalty. Yet the law does not require district attorneys to consider seeking the death penalty. By attempting to read such a requirement into the law, the Governor is breaching the separation of powers between the executive branch and the Legislature.

You suggest that in a mid-70's case

the Court of Appeals "raised, in a tantalizing manner, the prospect that the indiciary did not even have the right to scrutinize decisions made by a chief executive that might affect his own branch of government" To the contrary, that court expressly said that "no view is expressed" on NORMAN SIECEL this issue.

CHRISTOPHER DUNN New York, April 30, 1996 The writers are, respectively, execufive director and acting legal director, New York Civil Liberties Union



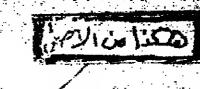
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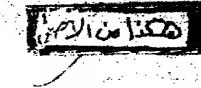
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Why Test for H.I.V.?

To the Editor:

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JERRY WOLBERT

Keeps Democracy Alive

To the Editor:

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Foreign Affairs

THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Expiration Date: 12/20/96

SARAJEVO, Bosnia and Herzogovina When you go to apply for your NATO press pass in Zagreb the first thing you notice is that it comes with one line already filled in - the expiration date: "December 20, 1996."

That is the date President Clinton bas set for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Bosnia. The question I have been posing to a range of people from Zagreb to Sarajevo is: What do you think Bosnia will look like on the day NATO press passes expire? The most common answer is: "Anything can still happen" - from a return to fighting to a hard partition to an uneasy coexistence. In other words, with seven months to go before the scheduled end of the NATO mission there is still no clear-cut trend in Bosnia. On any given day, in any given village, you can see both the forces of unification and the forces of partition busy at work. Though the forces of partition unquestionably bave the upper band, they are not yet decisive.

'lt's like a bad marriage." one U.S. official said of the current state of affairs between Serbs, Croats and Muslims. But as in any bad marriage, he added, the couple could stay together indefinitely for the sake of the kids, in a loveless arrangement, or they could get a divorce.

Slobodan Lang, a doctor and Croatia's leading buman rights activist, described to me a car trip be just took across Croatia and Bosnia, beginning in the Croatian village of Erdut on the Danube. There he found a meeting of Serbs and Croats, discussing an amnesty for Croatian Serb refugees who want to return to their bomes in the area. Just a few miles after that he came upon an intersection in Bosnia

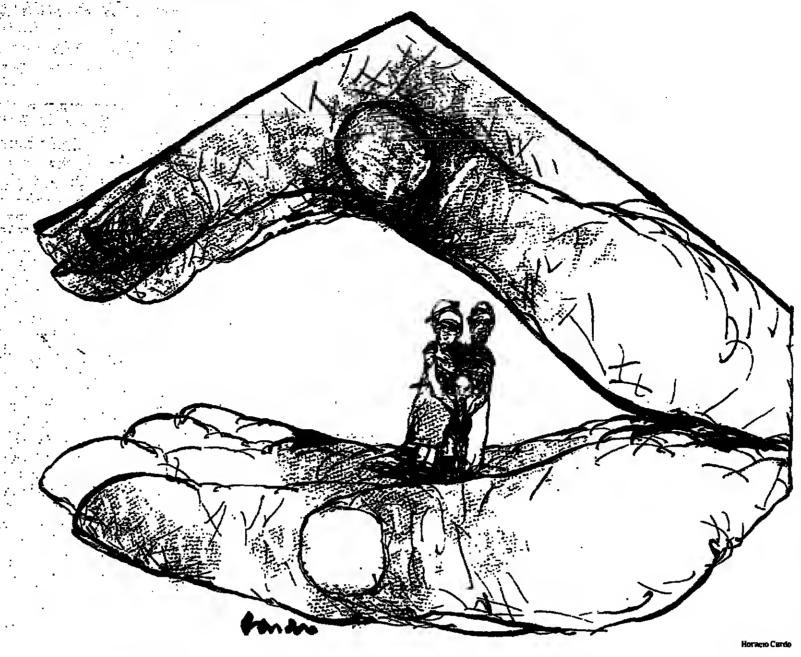
Bosnia needs more time to heal.

where Serb, Croat and Muslim taxi drivers all gather each day in one taxistation to ferry passengers to either Serb-held Brcko, Muslim-held Tuzla, or Croatian-beld Sava Still-further along, in Croatian-held Brcko Ravno, he met a Croatian surgeon who had performed 8,700 operations during the war, saving Serbs, Croats and Muslims alike

Continuing down to Tuzia, he found. that city's Muslim, Mayor organizing a business fair there at which Serbian, Muslim and Croatian businessmen were paying 200 German marks apiece to set up showrooms. But along the way, he passed a cemetery where Muslims bad broken all the crosses over Croatian graves. In Sarajevo, he visited with angry Muslim refugees, who had managed to survive the Serbian massacre in Srebrenica, and were now occupying the abandoned homes of Sarajevo Serbs, who had fled to the Serb Republic, where they are oow living in squalor. He passed by Mostar, a city divided between Croats and Muslims that is supposed to be reunited but is instead being partitioned, largely because Croats refuse to share control of the city with their Muslim oeighbors. Mostar's division is also being reinforced by Croatian criminal gangs that don't want to see Mostar reunited because it would be bad for their protection rackets. Mr. Lang ended up in Selce, where a Musbim Croat conference was being held on how to belp those left handicapped by the war.

That's Bosnia today. The only thing that's clear is that while NATO press passes will expire on Dec. 20, the Bosnian conflict will not. There is still too much rage loose in this land. There are still too many people not living in their bomes (1.7 million ont of a population of 4 million). There are still too many killers walking free. And, most of all, too many of the leaders responsible for wrecking Bosmia are still around posing as architects of its oew dawn. No, there will have to be an ongoing NATO peacekeeping presence bere after Dec. 20, and it will have to include some U.S. forces to have credibility. As long as NATO does not become a target, its remaining here with a smaller force for a longer period is worth it. It's a small price to pay to prevent more mass killing and to insure stability in southern Europe. Anyway, you need a longer cease-fire and period of reconstruction to really test whether a stable new order bere is possible.

"You Americans are like a doctor who wants to help a woman bave a baby, but tells her that her pregnancy can only last three months," said Dr. Lang. "Well, you can't make a baby in three months. You must have more respect for the suffering and the pain and the prejudice that went on bere. It is not something that goes away in a year." That's why everyone is simultaneously rebuilding and rearming, be added: "If your house was burned, if you were taken away to a concentration camp by your neighbors, and then NATO says, 'We'll help you for a while, but we're leaving by Dec. 20," you would be a fool not to be preparing for the next round."



The Public Housing That Succeeds

By Nicholas Lemann

PELHAM, N.Y. the . endearing things about Senator Bob Dole is that he is quintessentially the consensus-oriented legislator that his forays into the realm of wedge issues always have a tinny, false feeling, as if he isn't emotionally connected to the words coming out of his own mouth. His statement last week that American public bousing "is one of the last bastions of socialism in the world" is a good example. It's hard to believe that Mr. Dole was candidly, revealing bis most deeply held views.

Still, the idea that public housing has failed and should be abolished is netning many Americans believe High-rise public housing projects such as the notoriously dangerous and bleak. Robert Taylor Homes in Chicago are the leading visual symbol of the idea that liberal Government programs, especially antipoverty programs, don't work and may actually cause poverty to increase.

If public housing were in fact a bankrupt and doomed idea, it would be a very sad end to the oldest and most visible strategy in the struggle against poverty. Jacob Riis's "How the Other Half Lives," published in 1890 and arguably the first American book to propose a plan for improving conditions in urban slums, ended with a call for the construction of "model tenemeots." If Mr. Dole is right, the whole antipoverty cause would be powerfully undermined.

be truth, however, is that housing for the poor stands out among antipoverty strategies as the area wbere the most progress has been made over the past generation and where there is the most cause for optimism. Senator Dole's comments were so completely wrong that they could help bring a balt to genuine progress rather than pull the plug on something unworkable.

Before the World War II, public housing in America was considered a great success. It "worked" in the sense of being clean, safe and, for most residents, a huge improvement over the slums where they had been living. There were long waiting lists for apartments.

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reputation was that their constituency was not the very poor but people with jobs one notch higher on the economic ladder. (Probably the most famous product of the public housing of that era is Elvis Presley.) Most projects wouldn't admit single parents, and many wouldn't admit welfare recipients. Virtually all maintained strict rules about keeping apartments and ballways oeat and about who was allowed to be where when. Those who broke the rules or committed crimes were swiftly kicked out.

Then in the late 1940's, the oation embarked on the course that led to the perception that public housing doesn't work: the construction of enormous high-rise projects. It wasn't just the architecture, or the mere presence of Government subsidies, that caused these places to go so horribly awry. There was also a big change in the tenant population, from carefully screeoed working people to the very poor. Because of

Dole sees a socialist failure. He's stuck on ancient history.

changes in Federal rules, people who got jobs actually had to leave the building, and it became nearly impossible to kick out tenants who were

Even so, it's not all public housing that doesn't work. It's just the largescale, all-poor, severely isolated projects that invariably fail. Just a few blocks from the Robert Taylor Homes are pleasant high-rise projects for senior citizens.

'Imagine, the United States Government owns the housing where an entire class of citizens permanently lives," Mr. Dole said, as if this were fantastically improbable. Yet in most industrial countries a much larger portion of the population lives in Government housing. Three percent of Americans live in public housing, as opposed to more than a fifth of the population in Great Britain, Germany, France and the Netherlands. What's unusual about American public housing is that it serves primarily the very poor.

lt is paradoxical that Mr. Dole chose to stage his attack on public formula.

One reason for the projects' good housing at a realtors' convention, because the real estate industry, by and large, supported the construction of the worst projects. In the 1950's and 60's, African-American migrants from the South were streaming into the big cities, and part of reason for the building of the projects was to contain them within the existing ghettos so as to avoid residential integration.

lo any case, the mistake of the high-rise, all-poor projects was fairly quickly realized; in 1968, Congress banned the construction of any more of them. These projects have no defeoders except for unaccountably loyal groups of residents. To set highrise projects up as being the fruits of a real political position, as some critics of public housing have, is to create a straw man,

Uoder Secretary Henry Cisneros the Department of Housing and Urban Development has begun demolishing about 30,000 of the worst highrises. The ageocy is also trying to reinstate policies of glving preferences to people with jobs and swiftly kicking out criminals.

In his speech to the realtors, Seoator Dole called for replacing public housing with a voucher system. But we already have a voucher system, called Section 8, which is perpetually underfinanced (partly because the real estate industry is so effective in lobbying against its expansion) and thus has very long waiting lists. Mr. Dole has repeatedly voted against increasing financing for the program, and he failed to support Mr. Cisneros's proposal last year for a major new housing voucher pro-

There is an alternative to old-style public bousing. In the decades since we stopped building new projects, hundreds of thousands of units for the poor have been created by local community development corporations, private groups that have sprung up around the country since the 70's. On the whole, this is housing that works. Those who haven't visited the South Bronx lately would be amazed to see how vastiy areas thought of as desolate have been improved by the new and renovated housing that community groups have put up.

These groups do exactly what Mr. Cisneros is trying to do in public housing: Screen tenants, create a mix of working and very poor people, oust criminals, maintain security forces big enough for residents to feel safe and keep the overall scale of developments manageably small. It's not an exotic, recondite, high-risk

Often people point to the success of the community development corporations as proving that the private sector can succeed where the Government has failed. The implication is that any involvement by the Government is fatally corrupting. But the community groups are heavily financed by the Government, More than three-quarters receive Federal dollars (Washington gives them more than \$300 million each year) and more than half receive state money. The experiments in tenant management pushed strongly by Jack Kemp, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President George Bush, were also feder-

"t should be kept in mind, too, that the disastrous largescale urban public housing projects were constructed and operated not by Washington but by local bousing authorities. In recent years, HUD has begun taking over the management of projects from the most incompetent of the local authorities.

The view that Federal is always bad and state and local are always good just doesn't apply in public housing. The Federal Government pays for virtually all public housing and contracts with local organizations to run it. The key variables are whether the project's rules are sound and whether the local group in charge is competent.

The conditions in the worst public housing projects are horrifyingly bad and constitute a real moral crisis. It is outrageous that week after week children continue to lose their lives to the violeoce of the projects and we don't do anything about it. It doesn't do public housing residents who live in fear and misery any good to be told that what they're going through is attributable to "socialism" and therefore can't be helped.

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MAUREEN DOWD

Tarred, Rested, Ready

I recognized the Speaker, even though he did not have a snake draped around his neck.

He wanted to sit on his patio in the Capitol, overlooking the Washington Monument, but the spring day did not disguise his autumnal quality. He's no longer the ebulitent revolutionary who described himself as a 4-year-old in search of a cookie.

The man who boasted in the flush of the '94' elections that his revolution could change America's moral character has been tempered. "We're not used to being the majority," concedes Newt Gingrich, in shirt-sleeves and green dinosaur tie.

Two smart, prolix, pudgy, undisciplined baby boomers went into battle on the budget. One came out looking adult. Mr. Gingrich had a tantrum about his treatment on Air Force One and lost control of his rabid freshmen. (Who do these guys think they are? he railed to a friend. "You," the reply came back.)

He went into the budget debate with a cocky attitude, but no fallback plan. 'He defined victory as having Clinton cry uncle," said a pal.

Mr. Gingrich says the Democrats were out to get him, recalling a 1994 New Republic column by Robert Wright exhorting: "I say we beat the noxious little butterball to a pulp."

Fearing he was hurting his revolu-tion, he dropped out of sight last December. "You have to pull out to reenter, to get a sense of vision and strategies," he says. Now his House troops, frustrated by the Democrats doing a fandango on their party, want him to re-engage.
"It's the only time in my entire

The Newt is back!

career people have asked me to speak out," he sald with a dry smile. "My grandmother must be looking down from heaven in total disbelief. She always told me that I talked too much. It's nice to be wanted."

The old bomb-thrower is returning as healer, talking about melding his "anxiety-ridden" factions into a team. "We can win if we just go out in a

calm, methodical way and make clear the choice," he says. "You say Charlie Rangel or Bill Archer? Teddy Kennedy or Orrin Hatch? The gap here is, like, gigantic."

Before the Speaker had a chance to play healer, the junior Senator from New York let loose, mocking "the mythical Contract With America" and telling Don Imus Thursday that Mr. Gingrich had misread the '94 elections and cut too much on education and the environment.

Mr. D'Amato wanted to separate DoleGingrich, which the White House pronounces as one word. Democrats learned, with DukakisHorton, the value of tying a scary symbol to a lackhuster candidate.

Mr. Gingrich was none too pleased to have Al D'Amato pass judgment on him, but he staved calm.

"He should be careful on Imus — he got in a lot of trouble last time." Mr. Gingrich digs, alluding to the Senator's ill-advised Judge Ito imitation. "He voted for everything he's now complaining about."

Of the Dole-Clinton match-up, Mr. Gingrich says: "I'm not sure that dignity loses to garrulousness," The Speaker, who knows the perils of garrulousness, sounds as if be's taking the older man as a model. "Bob Dole has been through a lot and he learned when he was disciplined and focused and endured, be did fine."

Is he impressed with the way Dick Morris has refashioned Mr. Clinton's image as mature centrist?

"Laurence Olivier plays many roles," he said of the President. "If you stipulate somebody as a good actor, why should it surprise you when they act well? Is somebody who's always sincere ever sincere?

He said he had refused to hire Mr. Morris because he felt the consultant was willing to run false ads and believed in "power at any cost." It sounds disingenuous, given the Republican record on untruth in advertising, but he continues: "The Dick Morris model is essentially P. T. Barourn. Dick Morris and his client are clever enough to go from sucker to sucker until they win the election. Our model, which perfectly fits the Dole reality, is Abraham Lincoln."

Over at The Weekly Standard, Bill Kristol was depressed about "Newt's team stuff." "The point isn't for him to come back and be a nice guy," be says. "He bas to lead the advance into enemy territory."

I asked the most unpopular politician in America if be still dreams of the Presidency?

"Who knows?" he says, staring out into the drizzly day. "You get eight years of the Dole Presidency and by then I may he too tired and I may want to go play with the dinosaurs and animals."

Make Rejection Work for You

By Paul Devlin

cross America recently. high school seniors nervously checked their mailboxes. Many found the dreaded thin envelope — the rejection letter. I know how they feel. It made me feel a lot better, some years ago, to send n response much like this:

Office of Admissions Any College Wherever, U.S.A.

Dear Admissions Committee: Having reviewed the many rejection letters I have received in the last few weeks, it is with great regret that I must inform you I am unable to accept your rejection at

This year, after applying to a great many colleges and universities, I received an especially fine crop of rejection letters. Unfortunately, the number of rejections that I can accept is limited.

Each of my rejections was reviewed carefully and on an individual basis. Many factors were taken into account - the size of the institution, student-faculty ratio, location, reputation, costs and social

atmosphere. I am certain that most colleges I have kept in mind the time and

The proper reply to the admissions office.

applied to are more than qualified to reject me. I am also sure that some mistakes were made in turning away some of these rejections. I can

only hope they were few in number. I am aware of the keen disappointment my decision may bring. Throughout my debberations, I

tion. Let me take the opportunity to wish you well in what I am sure will be a successful academic year. See you in the fall! Sincerely, Paul Devlin.

Applicant at Large Paul Devlin is a video editor and

ly high standards.

Madonna as Eva

Peron on the set

of Alan Parker's

film of "Evita" in

Buenos Aires.

By MICHAEL DWYER

BUOAPEST l a large disused railway yard here, an old black locomotive bülows smoke as 221 Hungartan extras in period clothing assemble in the morning sunshine. It is day 48 of the 82-day shoot of Alan Parker's film of the musical "Evita." Budapest Is standing in for Buenos Aires in the 1940's. The day's call sheet asks for 150 railway workers, 20 workers' wives and 20 babies, 25 soldiers, assorted others and two stand-ins for the leads, who wait on a platform in front of the locomotive and face the crowd as the extras are

Then the stars enter. Playing Col. Juan Domingo Perón, Jonathan Pryce sirolls onto the set in uniform, his hair slicked back. In the role of Eva Duarte, Madonna follows, wearing a plain brown dress, a checked jacket, black high heels and a black hat adorned with a large pink ribbon. Colonel Peron, a rising politician courting the support of the workers, addresses the crowd with Eva, his fiancée, ai his side.

'Argentina is blessed by one thing, and one thing only," the actor thunders. "And that is the moral integrity of the working people."

With the director playing cheerleader in the background, the workers burst into cheers and applause. Eva smiles coyly as Juan Peron

In Budapest, the making of 'Evita' is itself an epic. Even for the star, it's a stretch: **Madonna takes** singing lessons.

embraces her. She mingles with the workers and their wives in the next scene, glad-handing them and hugging their babies, doing her bit to boost the colonel's career.

The focus of "Evita," of course, is Eva Duarte, the illegitimate daughter of a penniless farmer in the tiny pampas town of Junin, west of Buenos Aires. Leaving home while still in her teens, the ambitious Eva be-- came a minor radio and film actress and soon began moving in influential Buenos Aires social circles. She became the mistress and then the second wife of Perón, who was elected president in 1946 with the inspirational Eva by his side.

Peron dominated his country's politics for nearly 30 years. Eva — Evita to her legion of admirers dominates the Argentine imagination to this day. As First Lady, she built hospitals, visited the poor, helped women win the right to vote and formed the Peronist Women's Party. When the people encouraged her to run as a vice-presidential candidate, there was growing resentment among the military and politicians toward her expanding political power. In 1952, at the age of 33, she died of cancer.

The most adventurous leap in Alan Parker's film of "Evita," which is expected to have its world premiere at Radio City Music Hall in November, is that virtually every word is sung; the words addressed by Mr. Pryce to the workers in the railway yard are among the very few in the movie that are spoken.

Mr. Parker, who also wrote the screenplay, based it on the 1976 concept album of "Evita" by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber that preceded their Broadway stage version, which won seven Tony awards in

"I went right back to what I first reacted to - the original concept album - and that's what I played all the time as I wrote my script," said Mr. Parker.

That decision also made it clear that the actors would have to be strong singers. "The days of Natalie Wood or Audrey Hepburn miming to somebody else's voice are gone," he said. "There's a basic dishonesty about that which you wouldn't get away with in a contemporary film."

The entire score of "Evita" was recorded in a London siudio over four months last fall - before a single scene was filmed - instead of doing it after filming, as is usual. Some of the original lyrics were changed, entire arrangements were updated, and a new song, "You Must Love Me," sung by Madonna, was

The narrator of the film, who is simply known as Che, is played by the 5panish actor Antonio Banderas. In the stage version, Che was Che Guevara

"I always thought that was a the-atrical device," Mr. Parker said, but in film terms it's a red herring." He also dropped the play's conceit that Che Guevara and Eva Perón had met.

"For me. Che is the narrator." he said. "This sardonic Brechtian figure, who's always there and always commenting and giving the alternative view, is the conscience of Argentina within the piece. He turns up everywhere - as a waiter, as a reporter, as a projectionist. Tim and Andrew read my script, and they accepted my logic and went with it from the beginning."

The film is clearly an epic production. Mr. Parker and his crew have filmed vast crowd scenes, first in Buenos Aires — where Madonna's presence and her supposed presumption in taking on the role of the beloved Eva Peron stirred up considerable controversy — and here in Budapest, using up to 4,000 extras in some sequences.

The budget, a reported \$60 million, was provided by Cinergi Pictures Entertainment, which presold the film to Hollywood Pictures, a division of Disney, for distribution in North and South America.

"I read in the trade papers that the budget was 'north of 60,' " Mr. Parker said. "I never heard that phrase before. It weighs heavily on your shoulders. This gigantic group of people, this circus we travel around with, is everything that one requires to make a film of this scale. With that comes the bill at the end."

Madonna, whose announcement of her pregnancy last month was greeted with much fanfare, had longed to play Eva for years, and she trained extensively for the demanding sing-

When I sat down with the musical director and I heard all the stuff I had to learn, I thought, 'I have to work with somebody on this," " she said during a break in the filming. 5till, the seemingly unflappable

pop star recalled having a few bad moments in the studio.

"I must say I dreaded singing 'Don't Cry for Me, Argentina' because that's, like, the song," she said. "And can you Imagine, I had 10 sing it the very first day we were in the recording studio, the first time in front of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, the first day with the 500piece orchesira - and I had to sing that song, I was practically in tears. Recording all the songs in advance

of shooting complicated an already

complicated project. When we were recording the music, we would act out the scenes repeatedly before Alan would settle on the take he liked most, the one he most visualized shooting," Madonna said, "When we couldn't decide, we would record several different verslons, as if we were doing an acting take on a film. So if we wanted something blgger and more dramatic, we would have that, and if we wanted something smaller and quieier, we had that as an option.

"After we recorded everything, I thought shooting would be a nightmare, like recording the dialogue ahead of time. But we've all been pleasantly surprised that we really like the choices we've made. I have to pay tribute to Alan for being so clear as to know so far ahead of time what we needed.

Mr. Parker, in turn, had kind words for his star. "I've always liked her," he said. "We worked for a time on developing a film based on 'The Blue Angel, which Diane Keaton was producing and Neal Jimenez was writing. It didn't get made, as often films don't.

The thing about Madonna is that she's so well known," he continued. "She's an icon, and people have rather similar to the way that people had very different views on Eva Peron, funnily enough."

Casting Mr. Banderas as Che, his first singing role, was an easy choice to make, Mr. Parker said. 'Antonio's been involved with this

film through many of its manifestations, when the film was likely to be directed by Glenn Gordon Caron and by Oliver Stone," said the director. 'l saw an original audition tape Antonio had done five years ago, when he was unknown in America except to art-house audiences for his Pedro Almodóvar films. I saw 10 seconds of that tape, and I said, 'He's it.' '

A busy actor who made five movies last year. Mr. Banderas said he intends to take a break after completing his next project, "Zorro," directed by Roberto Rodriguez, which begins filming this summer.

And while the singing talenis of

Mr. Banderas may come as a surprise to moviegoers, the vocal talents of Jonathan Pryce will be familiar to audiences who saw him on stage in the musicals "Miss Saigon" and "Oliver!"

Amid much controversy, "Evita" went into production in Buenos Aires in February for five weeks and two days of shooting before moving on to Budapest for five weeks and finally to Shepperton Studios outside London for three more weeks. The film makers chose Budapest

for location filming because it hadn't undergone modernization to the same extent as Buenos Aires had and yet still offered good film production facilities.

When Mr. Parker arrived in Buenos Aires with the cast and crew, he was alarmed by the view from his hotel window. Huge slogans were daubed on a wall facing the hotel. One read "Chau [Goodbye] Parker and your English task force." An-

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The director had his hopes set on. using the Presidential palace, Casa Rosada, for the big balcony scene in which Madonna, as Eva, sings "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" to the masses below. He had been negotiating with the President of Argentina," Carlos Saul Menem, a Peronist, who had at first decried the film as "libelous" and described Madonna as 'unsuitable' for the role of Eva.

"It was very difficult," said Mr. Parker "The conventional wisdom" was that we would never ever be given permission. But as the juggernaut of the film powered its way through Buenos Aires, we kind of won them over, and there were very few people painting 'go home' signs.

"I promised Menem that it would be a very balanced film, and I also was very strong about not allowing them to interfere with it. My line to them was that no true-democracy

should be afraid of a movie," he said. Still, Mr. Parker made contingency plans to build the eotire facade of the Casa Rosada at Shepperton Studios.

The more they got to know us and the more we were around, I think they realized the movie was going to be made whether they helped us or not, so they decided to help us," the director said. "Two weeks before we finished filming in the city, Menem gave us permission to use the Casa

"There are so many views of Eva Perón in Argentina and elsewhere, I think it's impossible to make a film that will please everyone," he conthrued, "It's not a whitewash. On the other hand, it's a very emotional film about a woman who came from nowhere, who clearly did a great deal of good and ended up dying very young. In the end, I think they might not agree with everything I say in the film, but I think they will be proud of it.

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The attorney-general and dis-

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court the background of the

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thefts had become a national

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was to find and prosecute the large wholesale dealers of stolen

car parts in Israel and, at the same

time, to snare thieves from the

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In fact, Mansour supplied the

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the petitioners and other whole-

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In the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, before justices Theodore Orr. Mishael Cheshin and Ya'acov Kedmi, in the matter of Abed Aamas and Eliyahu Asraf, petitioners, versus the autorney-general, the state attorney and Issa Tahar Мапѕоит. respondents (Cr.A.6679195).

HE police suspected several people, including the respondent Mansour, of belonging to a gang of car thieves and dealers in stolen car parts. The petitioners, Aamas and Asraf, owned a garage in Jerusalem called Tzameret Halafim. They were suspected of being wholesalers in selling stolen car parts, and Mansour

was seen in their garage.

The police had insufficient evidence against Mansour or the petitioners to justify their being charged. However, after telling Mansour they had evidence against him, he agreed to act as an undercover police agent, and to testify for the state against the petitioners and others who would be charged with our thefts and be charged with car thefts and dealing in stolen car parts. He received in return an undertaking that he would not be charged for offenses of his own which he dis-.

Mansour was true to his word, enabling police to amass evidence against many dealers. including the petitioners, who bad allegedly bought and sold parts of bundreds or even thousands of stolen vehicles.

Aamas and Asraf were being tried in the Jerusalem District Court for several offenses relating to stolen cars under sections 413 and 499 of the Penal Law of 1977. Mansour testified against

The defendants therefore petitioned the Snpreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, to ASHER FELIX LANDAU

invalidate Mansour's agreement with the prosecution as unlawful. and to order that he too be charged with the offenses he has committed.

JUSTICE ORR delivered the first judgment of the court. The petitioners had submitted, he said, that the very procedure of granting a criminal the status of a state witness in return for his immunity from prosecution was unlawful. They also argued that the Jerusalem district attorney and the police, who had signed the agreement with Mansour, had exercised their discretion wrongly in view of the extent of his involvement in the offenses for which he was now freed from prosecution.

Citing precedents, Justice Orr pointed out that the procedure complained of, although not welcomed by the courts, had long been recognized as the lesser of two evils in the fight against crime. Where there was insufficient evidence to charge all the parties to a crime so they would all escape punishment, the public interest demanded that one of them be granted immunity on condition he testify against the others, which was likely to lead to their conviction.

That procedure, he continued, was sanctioned by section 62 of the Criminal Procedure Law (Consolidated Version) of 1982. It states: "Where it appears to the prosecutor to whom the investigation material has been transmitted that there is sufficient evidence to charge a particular person, he shall prosecute him unless be is of the opinion that no public interest is involved...."

The meaning of the expression "public interest" in section 62, he said, was considered in Ganor's

tration." Even if that test were extended to include unreasonableness, he added, there was no case (H.C. 935, 940-943/89; The ground for intervention in the Jerusalem Post Law Reports, present case. Petitioners' counsel, he said, p.143), in which it was held: "As a general rule the attorney-gener-

had also relied on section 3(b) of the attorney-general's directives, which required the prior consent to such an agreement of the state attorney after consultation with the attomey-general, and no such consent had been given.

The court had been told the above directive had long been disregarded, and counsel's submission, therefore, could not be accepted. At the same time, Justice Orr noted, it was desirable that the directives he brought upto-date to reflect the present procedures followed.

The peutioners also urged the court to order that Mansour be tried for other offenses he committed not covered by the agreement. The court had no details of those offenses, and they had no connection with the validity of the agreement. In any case, the court presumed the prosecution would consider that aspect and act accordingly.

Justice Orr proposed, therefore, that the petition be dismissed.

JUSTICE CHESHIN concurred.

JUSTICE KEDMI also concurred. He added that in his view the

court should intervene not only where the flaw in the prosecution's decision was "clear and patent," hut was also "meaningful and serious."

FOR THE above reasons, the petition was dismissed. Ariel Atari appeared for the

appeared for the state.

April 29, 1996.

petitioners, and Shai Nitzan. senior assistant state attorney, The judgment was given on

als, especially meat and poultry products, and even some of our

This attempt to prevent the labeling of this product will be a precedent for all future products, and the failure to label milk as having been produced by genetically engineered hormones will create a situation in which consumers will not have any control over what they eat.

Jerusalem Day – a week-long event

GREER FAY CASHMAN

ANY people like to show off photos of their nearest and dearest. They display them in their homes and their offices, and carry them around in their wallets so that they can flash them whenever the occasion permits.

Zyi Raviv on the other hand, uses every opportunity to whip out photos of events related to Jerusalem 3000. The internanonal coordinator for Jerusalem 3000, Raviv has traveled the world to attend scores of Jerusalem 3000 ceremonies.

Israelis lend to view Jerusalem 3000 with some degree of cynicism," he says, noting that elsewhere in the world governments, municipalities, organizations and individuals are scramhling to join the Jerusalem 3000 bandwagon.

The names of more than 200 streets and parks have been changed to mark Jerusalem 3000, he says, adding that people from the most improbable places are linking their cities and countries with Jerusalem 3000, through cultural exchange agreements, participation in Jerusalem-related competitions, lecture series or gala performances. Examples include South Korea, "where there is no Jewish community," Finland, Vietnam, Fiji, Malaysia and Indonesia. Some of these countries, Raviv emphasizes, have no diplomatic ties with Israel,

Jewish communities large and small are eager to be involved. The most recent of these is the Belgrade community, which has organized a series of activities in which Jerusalem is the focal point. Jerusalem 3000 activities are

coordinated on a global scale by close to 200 committees in 25 countries in addition to numerous Israeli committees, Israeli diplomatic missions abroad are also promoting it and helping their host countries with arrangements.

Eleven countries including Russia and Argentina will be issuing Jerusalem 3000 stamps, which are destined to become collectors' items. A tribute to the success of Jerusalem 3000, observes Raviv, is the fact that the Russian education minister is coming to take pointers on how to organize next year's Moscow 850 celebrations.

ONE OF the major highlights of Jerusalem 3000 will be Jerusalem



Jerusalem 3000 event which includes Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (left), Argentinian president Carlos Menem (center left) and Israeli Ambassador to Argentina Yitzhak Aviran.

Day, celebrating the 29th anniver-sary of the reunification of the city. In Israel, it will start on Monday May 13 and culminate on Saturday May 18, while in other countries it will go on for shorter periods and not necessarily in accordance with the Hebrew calendar.

The main thrust of Jerusalem Day celebrations in Jerusalem itself will be cultural. The emphasis on culture, according to Raviv, is deliberate. "Jerusalem 3000," he explains, "is not a political statement, it's a cultural statement."

Raviv points out that Mayor Ehud Olmert recently secured a \$40 million contribution from business tycoon Shoul Eisenberg for the creation of the Eisenberg Center for the Performing Arts.

The expansion of the Jerusalem International Convention Center (Binyenei Ha'uma), he says, also facilitates more cultural activity. as will a 40,000-seat amphitheater going up in Malha, the neighbor-bood which already boasts the largest shopping mall in the Middle East, Teddy Stadium and the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo.

The ICC will host the opening of the Jerusalem Day week, which will be launched with an exhibition of pre-Columbian art donated by the government of Peru.

On May 15, the ICC will provide music lovers with a multitude of harmonies when the IDF Orchestra and the Ra'anana Sinfonietta join forces to play classical music, popular Israeli music and traditional klezmer and Ladino melodies. Brazilian singer Fortunee Safdie, a member of the well-known banking family, will also appear at this concert and at the closing concert at the Sultan's Ponl where other star performers will include Dudu Fisher, Nehama Hendl, Hava Alberstein, Danny Robes, Danny Litani and several other popular Israeli entertainers.

AMMUNITION Hill, one of the traditional sites for Jerusalem Day celebrations and commemorations for soldiers who fought and died there, will this year be the scene of a state ceremony to be conducted in English for the benefit of thousands of non-Hebrew speakers from abroad.

Raviv says that he knows of 2,500 people who are coming to Israel in organized groups, and he is confident that many more will. come as families or individuals.

What will delight visitors and locals alike on Friday, May 17 (the actual date of Jerusalem Day I, will be a street carnival; an international relay run with 3,000 runners crossing the city from the Haas Promenade to Safra Square; and a solidarity march from Safra Square to the Western Wall where Religious Affairs Minister Shimon, Shetreet and several rabbis will lead prayers for peace for Jerusalem in particular and for the world at large.

A tale of milk and hormones

HE powerful US dairy lobby has been fighting to protect its interest in milk, a campaign whose scope resembles the lobby's struggle some 50 years ago to prevent

margarine being colored yellow. Back then, the dairy industry felt that allowing yellow mar-garine would be detrimental to the sales of real butter, so during World War II everyone bought their margarine in blocks pure white that were sold with a little packet of dye whichthen bad to be whipped into the margarine to get yellow

table spread. Since the milk-flavored margarine was forbidden as well, many people also wbipped evaporated milk into the margarine, along with the dye. It was difficult, which was exactly what

the dairy industry wanted. The latest controversy centers around milk that is produced by giving the cows a genetically engineered bormone, bovine somatrophin (BST), which raises milk production by up to 20

percent. Natural BST is the hormone that all cows have and which controls milk production levels. Following long and arduous lobbying, the dairy industry

seems to have won.
The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has ruled that dairyists who do not use the genetically engineered hormone may not label their milk as "horD'VORA BEN SHAUL

mone free" or make any other reference to the matter unless they include a long and complicated explanation telling the consumer that genetically engincered BST is as safe as regular milk and that there is no reason

to avoid it. Otherwise, the dairy lobby misleading health claim." They also want those producing natural milk to keep records proving that their cows bave never been injected.

BUT SOME conventional dairyists and many environmentalists oppose the use of the genetically engineered hormone for several reasons - mainly that this form of BST produces 79% more cases of mastitis (udder infection) in the cows.

This, they say, will almost cer-tainly result in the farmers using far more antibiotics to control infections. Since these antibiotics often do appear in the milk, this could cause the development of antihiotic-resistant bacteria in humans - wbo consistently are exposed to these

low antihiotic dosages. In addition, the critics fear that people who are allergic to some antibiotics may be endangered by exposure to traces that went

fruits and vegetables. undetected in routine testing. It is a simple matter, they say, for a

milk, but something else when the same farmer bas a half dozen or more cows with the same condition. Furthermore, they argue, the same PDA says there is no rea son to believe that irradiated food is dangerous, but it does

farmer with one cow with masti-

tis to treat her and not sell the

require the labeling of such In addition, although the FDA approves the use of pesticides, it still places no restrictions on farmers who wish to label their fruits and vegetables as "organi-

cally grown." This milk labeling is being done, they claim, as a sop to the powerful dairy lobby in order to make it impossible for the consumer to know what is in the

milk carton. One outspoken opponent of the genetically engineered BST, Jerry Rifkin of the Pure Food Campaign, says milk should be labeled as to whether this hormone has been used.

He said it is important for the court to decide the issue, because within a few years a large percentage of our food will be produced with the addition of genetically engineered materi-





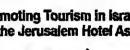


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Credit borrowing slows down in first quarter

Jerusalem Post Staff

GROWTH of credit borrowing during the first quarter slowed down to one percent in comparison with the previous quarter, after having registered an annual 12.4% growth pace last year compared with 1994, the Bank of Israel yesterday said.

The central bank did not specify the absolute figure for credit borrowing in the first quarter.

Overall credit to companies and households totaled NIS 208 billion last year. Since 1990, the combined total credit borrowed locally and abroad has expanded by 69% in real terms, while gross domestic product rose 40% and the business product 50%.

The share of non-indexed credit has risen since the beginning of the decade from 31% to 35% of all credit borrowed. The central bank emphasized that at the ome of the stock-market peak in 1992-93. non-indexed credit totaled 41% of loans extended by the banking sector.

Forex-indexed and foreign-cur rency loans were 29% of overall credit, slightly higher than its share six years ago, after having already falleo to 22% in 1993.

Cost-of-living-indexed loans bave declined since the beginning of the decade from 41% to 37%, but these still remain the leading form of credit here, the Bank of Israel said.

Government-extended credit to various business sectors has been drasocally reduced since 1990, from 40% of total credit extended

Sanctions threaten delay in UMB offering

Bank's European road show postponed

UNITED Mizrahi Bank's public offering will be postponed unless the bank's workers agree to cease sanctions by the end of the month, yesterday said Meir Yacobson. general manager of MI Holdings, the government's privatization agency, said yesterday.

Issuing shares of a striking bank would be impossible, be

The government's original intention was to issue 20 perceot of UMB's shares to investors here and abroad next month, with 60% of the shares in the issue allocated 10 Енгореал institutional investors.

However, a delegation of UMB representatives who were scheduled to embark on a road show vesterday to promote the share ssue before institutional investors io Londoo, Scotland and Switzerland decided to temporarily postpone the trip as a result of the escalation in UMB's work

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The delegation included UMB general manager Victor Medina, underwriters of the issue, and

"We will still be able to go ahead with the offering if the workers' sanctions are stopped by the end of the month," said Yacobson, adding that the ongoing sanctions are harming the success of the issue.

Meanwhile, UMB workers plan to continue their work sanctions this week to protest against management's decision to fire more than 200 UMB workers as part of the bank's reorganization plan. "I am not an arbitrator for work

disputes, but there is a workers' dispute which must be resolved." 'Last Thursday I asked both

sides [workers and management]

agement oot to fire anyone until the end of the month and asked the workers to cease sanctions. But the workers committee gave a negative response.

Sara Leiserovitz, head of UMB's workers committee, said in response that every two days, various bank divisions and branches will be shut by the work-

"The share issue does oot con-cern us," Leiserovitz said.
"Management knew the bank was scheduled to be issued a long time ago, but despite this did not try to resolve the problems. We will not postpone the sanctions. We are in the midst of a battle, and as long as management refuses to negotiate with us we will continue to

Today 150 UMB branch managers will gather to hear Medina's and Leiserovitz's sides in the

BUSINESS BRIEF

Representative here to discuss new traffic light system: Representatives of an Australian subsidiary of Dutch-based electronics manufacturer Philips are scheduled to meet today with officials from the Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa municipalities and the ministry of transport to discuss the company's offer to upgrade Israel's traffic light systems.

Jennifer Friedlin

IDB Holding, IDB Development report rise in net profits

Jerusalem Post Staff

and IDB HOLDING Development yesterday reported a sharp rise in net profits for 1995.

IDB Holding's net profits rose
118 perceot to NIS 119 million
from NIS 43m. in 1994. Net
return on equity on an analysis return on equity on an annual basis rose to 5.2% from 1.8%.

Net profits for the fourth quarter rose to NIS 37m. from NIS 8m. Key factors contributing to last year's rise in earnings included capital gains of NIS 14m. from

m IDB Development, which completed the year with a rise in net profit to NIS 162m. from NIS 85m. in 1994.

Net return on equity on an annual basis rose to 6.3% in 1995 from

Fourth quarter net profits increased to NIS 48m. from NIS 11m. in the corresponding period

AIG, Aurec sign joint-venture deal

US-BASED insurance conglomerate American Internacional Group (AIG) and the Aurec telecom and media group have signed a joint-venture agreement to form an insurance company here, the companies announced yesterday.

The deal signals the first ome a major oon-Israeli insurer will engage in direct distribution of insurance products here.

Other companies, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield, are expected to follow in AIG's foot-Activities of other foreign firms present in the local insurance

re-insurance. The new company, to be named Golden AIG-Direct Insurance,

market are primarily confined to

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will focus on direct distribution of property and casualty insurance products, particularly for the consumer and small-business mar-

"Israel is a growth market for insurance and financial services, and Aurec brings strong distribu-don capabilides and in-depth understanding of the Israeli mar-ket," said AIG execuove vice president Evan Greenberg.

Once licensed and operating, the new company will become "a significant link in AIG's global insurance network," he said.

AIG, a world leader in its field, is among the largest commercial

The firm - whose stocks are traded in New York's, London's, Tokyo's, Paris's and Zurich's equity markets - has a market value of \$43,9 billion, apparently the highest in the world for any

insurance conglomerate. The Ramat-Gan based Aurec group is jointly owned by the Morris Kahn group and US-based SBC Communications.

Insurance-industry sources see in AIG's arrival a reflection of the recently accelerating participation on the part of foreign firms in Tel Aviv's financial-services industry.

Israel's insurance market is believed to be the largest io the Middle East, with an annual total premium turnover of some \$5b.

North suffers NIS 12m. in damages

suffered some NIS 12 million in lost business, according to Upper Galilee Tourism Board manager Moshe Attia.

Others in the area noted that although Israelis have been quick to return, it will take more time for foreigners to start coming.
"Before Grapes of Wrath, we

bad [reservations for] 80-perceot occupancy for May, [but] now it has dropped to 50% and we're oot sure if those people will show up," Dubi Benari, manager of the

guest house at Kfar Blum, told tourism reporters. Already, he said, the guest house is full on weekends, when

most of the guests are Israelis.

The foreign groups - which coostitute the midweek clientele - are also returning, bot more slowly. "If we can recoup June, it will be a good year," Benari said.

The Income Tax Commission announced yesterday that compensation to owners of 558 rooms offering rural lodging would come to about NIS 800,000: The criteria for final compensation to the hoteliers is still being worked out, he said. -

HAIM SHAPIRO

However, the question of compensation for lost business is a complex one, and oot everyone who suffered as a result of the tension can expect to be compensat-

Attia pointed out that tourism enterprises which were technically south of the confrontation line also remained empty during the

Hotels elsewhere in the country also suffered as a result of the tension in the North and the terror attacks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

according to Hotel Association

director Avi Rosental. He said 1996 had started as a record year, with January and February showing 27% more tourist stays. He said he feared that potential tourists who made their plans in March and April would not be coming this sum-

Gov't: All citrus to Italy OK

NO poisoned crates of Jaffa grapefruits exported to Italy have been found, despite threats by a group there to do so, Agriculture Ministry spokesman Ronny

On April 30, the police in Genoa received a letter from an unidentified group threatening to poisoo Jaffa grapefruits to demonstrate its opposition to

Operation Grapes of Wrath. Because of the cynical arrogance of the Israeli government, many [of Israel's] products have been poisoned," the letter from

the group said. Since receiving the letter, the Italian authorities said they have not found poisoned samples from any of the 100,000 crates of grapefruits Italy recently received

from Israel Hassid said Israel is also investigating the matter. The threats. which are believed to be the work of an Arab fundamentalist group operating in Italy, have the poten-dal to do great damage to Israeli citrus exports, he said.



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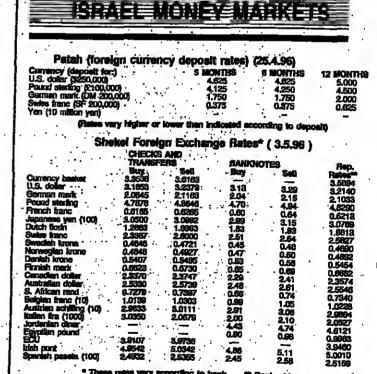
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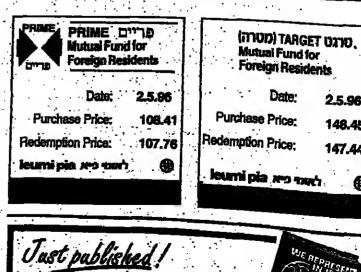
JUDAICA-RELATED exposts have increased 30 percent to \$65 million from some \$50m. over the past two years, said Zev Birger, director of the Jerusalem International Judaica Fair taking place at the Jerusalem International Convention Center (JICC) from May 5-9.

"Ten years ago this was a home industry with very few, small enterprises," said Birger, adding that international sales now total more than \$100m. annually. "It has now become a flourishing industry with a great number of designers that dedicate time to the production of Indaica." Participating in the sixth annual fair are 170 Judaica manufacturers, 40 of whom have come from abroad. The fair will feature an array of arts

and crafts - including ceramics, glasswork, jewelry, paintings and, for

the first time, a mulo-media display of Judaica videos and CDs.







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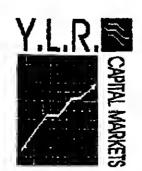
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Precious metals futures close mixed COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

PRECIOUS metals markets in New York showed a mixed reaction to Friday's US unemployment data, and futures closed mixed in a very choppy session which saw strong price move-

Silver took the lead on Friday morning, giving up some of its gains to a movement in soybeans, but still managed to close higher with gold following behind but closed lower.

June gold closed \$1.60 lower at \$394.10. July silver closed 5.0 cents higher at \$5.470.

July platinum closed, \$0.20 lower at \$407.60 and palladium closed 20 cents lower at \$136.05. High-grade copper futures closed sharply higher on Friday after a squeeze play on the London Metals Exchange forced

up the price of copper. Buy stops on COMEX also were triggered and that belped boost the July contract in early trading. Analysis saw no reaction in the copper market to the US jobs data.

July high-grade copper futures closed up 215 basis points at \$1,2200.

Grain futures closed mixed on Friday, with spread activity noted amid thin trading conditions.

Wheat futures closed mostly higher, with only the July and September contracts ending weaker. Corn futures closed mixed, with the front-month contracts lower and the deferreds

May comi senied 53/4/cents lower-at \$4.71 per bushel and May wheat settled 21/2 cents bigher at \$6.22 per bushel.

Soy complex futures closed mixed amid thin trading conditions, sources said. Soybeans and meal settled mostly higher, while oil closed mostly weaker. Trading was mostly technical in nature.

The market had no real fundamental news to support soybean prices. Traders are, however, keeping an eye oo the wet weather in eastern and southern portions of the Com Belt.

At the close, May soybeans were 53/4 cents higher at

NYCE July cotton futures settled higher on Friday after a late rally to new session highs.

July ranged between the early low of 85.55 cents and the late high of 86.90 cents before settling 31 points higher at 86.14 cents. The spot May settled 94 points lower at 84.85 cents.

World sugar futures settled higher after an extremely subdued session that saw only light trade in an inside range.

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The July contract settled 11 points higher at 10.51 ceots. The balance of contracts settled 2 to 4

points higher. July coffee futures settled slightly higher on the day in light trading after an early rally.

After heavy trading during the week, players were reluctant to take weekend positions, analysts said. The July futures closed up 25 points at \$1.2755.
Courtesy of Michael Zwebner,
Commstock Trading Ltd.

Pakistan rethinking telecom sale

ISLAMABAD (Reuter) - Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said over the weekend Pakistan was reconsidering whether to go ahead with the search for a strategic investor in its state-run telecom utility in current market conditions.

She said no decision had been taken on whether to proceed oow with the sale of a 26-percent stake, in Pakistan Telecommunication Company Ltd (PTCL). "I think that in privatizing the

PTCL we have to see what other events are taking place in the global marketplace, she said, adding that plans for the privatization coincided with sales of three other big telecom firms else-where. The Privatization Commission is having second thoughts of going into the market at the same time as these three other major telecommunicacions privatizations, with the belief that if the market was flooded with such offers the response would not be adequate," she said.

IBM, Apple to unveil today Shares fall on Mac-production licensing pact fear of rate hike

EU energy ministers meet tomorrow

on electricity liberalization

Unions challenge plans to sell 25% of EU power market

The commission has set the ministerial ses-

If this does not materialize tomorrow,

sioo as a deadline for reaching a common posi-

Energy Commissioner Christos Papoutsis has

said the dossier would be referred to the next

EU summit on June 21 and 22 m Floreoce.

Italy. "I think there is a lot of pressure for

something to come out of the May 7 meeting,"

said analyst Ben Hollins at British energy con-

ket, energy still lags the field. Energy-inten-sive European industries hope a deal will help

achieve lower electricity prices and boost their

partial liberalization of national markets,

allowing mainly large industrial firms a free

accept an Italian model on how to calculate the

extent of liberalization, basing this on the EU

German private phone firms mull suing government

preparation for deregulation on

the telecommunications bill set-

ting out the legal framework for

competition to come into force in

mid-1996. But it remains at odds

with the federal states, or

Laender, over whether cities and

The Bonn government wants

January 1, 1998.

Most member states now appear willing to

choice of the most efficient supplier.

market share of big consumers.

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to millions of marks, the report

said, citing VTM Association of

Private Telecommunications head

The VTM includes the tele-

coms units of industrial groups

Veba AG, RWE AG, Thyssen AG

and Mannesmann AG, which are

investing billions of marks in

Gerd Eickers.

But any deal would initially only require

ability to compete on international markets.

In the EU's efforts to create an internal mar-

Germany, which wants a far-reaching deal.

oon on its draft directive.

sultancy Wood Mackenzie.

NEW YORK (Reuter) International Business Machines Corp. and Apple Computer Inc. said over the weekend they will hold a conference call today to announce the much anticipated licensing by IBM's Microelectronics unit of the TBM's Macintosh operating system.

An Apple spokeswoman in Cupertino, California, said the companies will be announcing a licensing deal, but she declined to give any further details.

An IBM spokesman declined to

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - European Union ener-

gy ministers, anxious to end years of wran-

gling, try again tomorrow to end a stalemate

on the politically sensitive issue of liberalizing

views on the scope and speed of what needs to

be done, but there are new signs of optimism that a deal leading to gradual liberalization

source at the European Commission, the EU's

row's negotiations would be difficult and the

sector strikes still fresh, France is particularly

likely to tread carefully in order to avoid pro-

voking unions at the giant state monopoly

The EU's Italian presidency, which holds to

rotating bonor until the end of June, bas

worked hard to bridge a gap between France, which is wary of any broad liberalization, and

(Reuter)

Germany's private telecoms oper-

ators are considering sping the

government if it fails in the com-

ing months to set the legal frame-

work for planned deregulation of

the telephone market in 1998, Der

The damage claim would run

Spiegel magazine reported.

executive, said over the weekend.

may at last be in sight.

outcome uncertain.

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Electricite de France (EDF).

EU members still hold widely differing

There is a huge political will to succeed." a

But officials and diplomats forecast tomor-

With memories of last December's public

the 15-nation bloc's huge electricity markets.

Sources and analysts said IBM was hoping to provide "one-stop sbopping" for customers who wish to develop either the core Mac motherboards - the main circuit board - or Macintosh compatible computers.

IBM will not be developing Maciniosh clones itself.

But its Microelectronics division is one of the few manufacturers of PowerPC processors, the chips that were developed in a ground-breaking agreement five years ago between IBM, Apple and Motorola Inc. to challenge the domination of Microsoft Corp. and Intel Corp. in the personal computer industry.

Analysts said IBM hopes to further fuel sales of the PowerPC chips, and the deal is designed to encourage more companies to develop Macintosh motherboards

IBM will have the rights to sublicense the Mac O/S to others. In February, shortly after its

new Chief Executive Gil Amelio took over the company. Apple signed a similar pact with Motorola, giving Motorola the right to sublicense the Mac operating system to others.

"IBM, Apple and Motorola are becoming much more aggressive in the issue of trying to propagate the PowerPC platform, said Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies in San Jose, Calif.

Bajarin speculated that IBM and Apple were trying to make it as easy as possible for motherboard makers, particularly those located in Taiwan, to make motherboards to resell to computer makers who want to manufacture Mac clones.

It would then be up to the member states to

decide how to achieve this minimum level of

market opening, including the contentious

issue of whether distributors would be includ-

ed. But there is still disagreement on the fig-

ures and how to continue the liberalization

process in the years ahead, setting the stage for

be an overall initial market opening of around

25 percent. This would increase to roughly

30% in the next nine years. But the European

Commission and Germany say this is not fast

enough, while France and Ireland have been

Paris worries that a wide market opening

But Bonn is concerned that EDF could take

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review of the reform of telephone

charges which state telecommuni-

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introduced at the start of 1996.

Spiegel also said the VTM

advantage of a more liberalized market in

Germany, while access to the French market

towards Germany," a German official said.

phone lines in future.

would hurt universal service, the principle that

electricity should be available to all consumers

at an affordable price.

would remain more restricted.

Two-sided trading

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skeptical of automatic further liberalization.

Under the Italian compromise, there would

engthy and heated discussions tomorrow.

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STOCKS fell yesterday on coocern that the central bank might lift interest rates to fight inflation, boosting companies borrowing costs and potencially damping

rates, they are very high now, said Yaron Pitaru, head of research at Ofek securities in Tel Aviv. 'I am not sure they will

"We have a cloud of interest

The Two-Sided Index dropped 0.56 percent to 204.75, while the Maof Index slipped 0.69% to

Across the exchange, NIS 52 million worth of shares traded, 30% less than last month's average of NIS 74m. Five issues fell for every four that rose.

The most active stock today was holding company Elbit Ltd., up 1.5% on NIS 2.7m. worth of shares traded.

Investors are optimistic about Elbit's plan, announced in December, to divide itself into

Israel's central bank raised the

1.2% to 1.5%, Pitaru said.

rate at which it lends to banks 0.8 percentage points to 14.% as an inflacion-fighting measure. It has conditioned interest-rate cuts on the government reducing the gap between public spending and

three publicly traded entities, sep-

arating its medical, defense and

commercial businesses, Pitaru

weeks and 12% in the past two

With the breakup, investors can ore easily assess Elbit's business-

es and invest accordingly, analysts said. Right now, Pitaru said.

the good companies are hidden

Elron Electronic Industries Ltd...

which holds 40% of Elbit,

Expectations for the Consumer

Price Index in April range from

behind the bad companies."

advanced 1.75%.

Elbit shares traded in New York have risen 32% in the past 10

N. Korea assembles TVs for first time

SEOUL (Reuter) ~ The expected arrival in South Korea next week of the first-ever electronics goods assembled in the communist North is aoother example of expanding economic ties. South Korean officials said over the weekend.

LG International said over the weekend that 250 50-centimeter color television sets would arrive at the South Korean port of Inchon next week from a factory near the North Korean capital of

Pyongyang.
It will be the first shipment of electronics products from the impoverished North. Some light industrial goods, such as clothing and bags, have been delivered in This is another step in a grad-

ual move toward the expansion of economic ties," said an official from South Korea's Unification Ministry. spokesman at LG

International, a trading arm of LG Group, said the televisioos were produced using components from LG Electronics.

"We plan to produce 20,000 color TVs in North Korea this year and expand ontput to 40,000

units next year," he said. The news follows close on the heels of an announcement this week of the first-ever joint venture between a North and South

Korean company. Daewoo Corp. a trading arm of the Daewon Group, said oo Wednesday it had established a \$10.5 million joint venture with

North Korea's Samebolli Corp to make shirts, bags and jackets. The venture was one of 10

approved earlier by Unification Ministry. "It [the government approval of

North-South joint ventures] is of symbolic importance for every company that wants to work with the North," said Paul Pheby, executive vice president of Dongbang Peregrine Securities.

But analysts said investments of this size were a drop in the bucket to South Korea's mammoth business groups, giving credence to arguments that the ventures are being driven primarily by political, not business, con-

Seoul bas been trying to induce Pyongyang to accept a proposal unveiled last month by President Kim Young-sam and US President Bill Clioton for fourway talks, including China, on a peace agreement for the Korean Peninsula.

The two countries fought a war in 1950-53 that ended io a truce instead of a peace pact. Pyongyang has since rejected the validity of the pact and receofly violated the border buffer zone between the two countries with three troop incursions.

Even Seoul officials acknowledge the joint venture approvals have political overtones.

"We are trying to show more sincere attitude towards the four-nation peace talks, the Unification Mioistry spokesman

China gold output up 13.5%, but problems persist

BEIJING (Reuter) - China's gold output rose 13.5 percent in the first quarter of 1996, but officials said inefficiency and failure to attract foreign investment were preventing more rapid growth.

"Judging from the first quarter's situation, it's basically assured that the gold sector will fulfill this year's target and likely will continue to increase on the basis of last year." Ai Dacheng, deputy director of the Gold Bureau, told China Daily Business Weekly.

"But it's difficult to see a big jump from last year." He expected a small increase over the 1995

Production of gold, a state secret until the end of last year, was 21.2 tonnes in the first quarter, 13.5% more than a year earlier, he said.

That accounted for 23% of the 1996 state target of 92-95 tonnes and was well above the 17%-18% usually produced in the first quarter, a figure influenced by cold weather and equipment repair, Ai

He described output as "good," with many mines reporting growth despite drought in central Henan and Shaanxi provinces and power shortages in Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning in the north-

In 1995, China produced 108 tonnes of gold, surpassing 100 tonnes for the first time, officials

have said. However, problems still ham-

pered output, Ai said. Gold mines had rushed to boost production in the first three months of this year, fearing they would lose their exemption from value-added tax.

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March that mines would retain their exemption until 2000, but the first quarter rush to produce would affect future poteotial, Ai

Another problem mines faced

was that loans to upgrade infrastructure and technical capability had been either late or only partial since 1995. Ai said. Among the most serious prob-

lems was persistent inefficiency, Ai said, warning the industry to adapt to a market economy. China's gold mines had tradi-

tionally followed the central planniog system, turning to the state for help rather than trying to solve their own difficulties, be said.

Gold mine managers should learn about market competition and be ready for complete integration with the international market. Ai said.

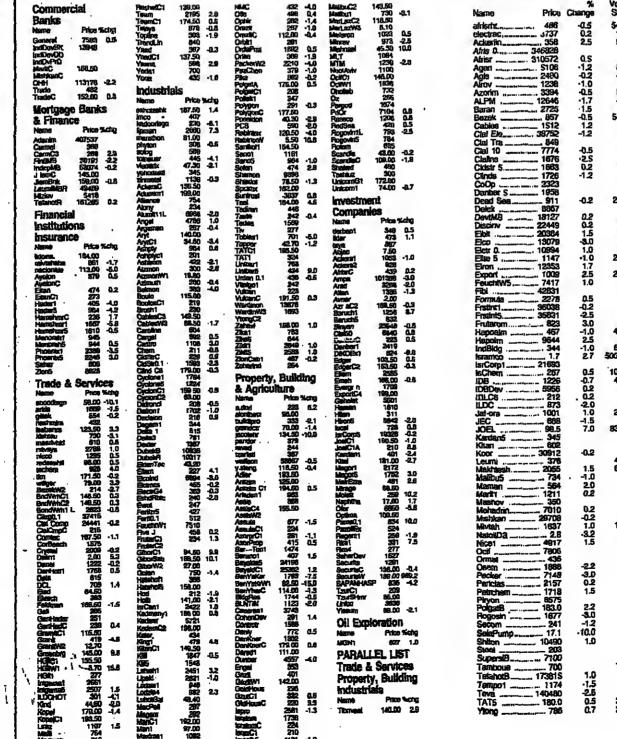
More than 200 major gold enterprises had reduced their cost growth rate in 1995 to about 8.0% from the previous 20%, he said.

However, China needed to do more to attract foreign investors, he said, adding that although the gold sector had been opened to overseas investors, no foreign-

funded gold projects had been implemented. Specific policies were needed to nurture foreign investors, he

Industry analysts say foreign investors have been reluctant to enter China, since the only mines opened to overseas investment have a low gold content or have been largely exploited, leaving only the hardest-to-extract con-

Better-located, richer mines remain a domestic monopoly.



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Man. Utd. wins English league title

LONDON (Reuter) - Manchester United crushed Middleshrough 3-0 yesterday to win the English soccer league title in style after their only rivals Newcastle United were held to a I-1 home draw hy Tottenham

Goals from David May, his first of the season, former Newcastle hero Andy Cole. and Ryan Giggs gave Manchester United the title for the third time in four years and the 10th time in their history after one of the the closest and most thrilling championship races of recent times.

It also kept alive their hopes of winning an unprecedented second English league and cup double as they face Liverpool in the FA Cup final next Saturday.

Newcastle, which led the championship race by 12 points in January, had to beat Tottenham yesterday and hope that Alex Fergueon's team lost Middleshrough, to win the title for the first time for 69 years.

But they fell behind to a Jason Dozzell goal after 54 minutes and although Les Ferdinand equalized in the 71st minute, Newcastle was chasing a lost cause.

Manchester United raced into a 15th minute lead Middleshrough, managed by for-mer United stalwart Bryan Robson, when May headed home. Cole, who has had such an indifferent season, made it 2-0 with an overhead flick after 54 minutes sooo after coming on as

substitute. Giggs clinched the victory with a rasping 20-meter shot nine min-utes before the end.

While there was ecstasy for the red half of Manchester there was oothing hut gloom at Maine Road after Manchester City was relegated on goal difference, despite fighting back from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Liverpool. Liverpool took the lead when

Steve Lomas put through his own net after only six minutes and went 2-0 ahead with a stunning shot from lan Rush, scoring his 229th and last league goal for Liverpool before leaving the club after 15 years at the end of the

City came back with a 71st minute penalty from Uwe Rosler and a 78th minute equalizer from Kit Symons, but results elsewhere forced them to drop out of the top division for the first time since

Sheffield Wednesday. Coventry and Southampton, which could all have been relegated, were saved hy City's result Wednesday finished on 40 points with Coventry, Southampton and Manchester City all on 38, meaning City went down on goal difference.

Coventry, never relegated since the team went up to the old First Division in 1967, survived after e 0-0 draw at home against Leeds.

Southampton stayed up after drawing 0-0 with Wimhledon and Sheffield Wednesday remains in the top flight after a 1-1 draw at City goes down with already-

relegated Queens Park Rangers and Bolton which ended the season with a 3-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest and a 2-1 loss at Arsenel respectively.

Arsenel'e win - thanks to two

goals in the last eight minutes from Devid Platt and Dennis Bergkamp - mean the team pips Blackburn and Everton. Tottenham for a place in next season's UEFA Cup.

Manchester United meneger Alex Ferguson, who led United to the double two years ago said



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afterwards: "it's always great to win the league. We took a long YESTERDAY'S RESULTS:

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time to do it. The players were marvelous.

Miller return fails to save Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS - Reggie Miller returned, and everything went right for the Indiana Pacers - until the final shot.

Miller, sidelined since April 13 with a fractured eye socket, made a surprising comeback yesterday and had another spectacular fourth quarter. But he missed the gamewinning shot at the final buzzer and the Pacers lost 89-87 to the Atlanta Hawks.

Atlanta won the best-of-5 series 3-2 and advanced to play Orlando in the second round.

Miller scored 16 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, including Indiana's final eight. He got the ball in the final seconds but was double-teamed by Mookie Blaylock and Matt Bullard. Miller still managed to get off an off-bal-ance 3-pointer; but it glanced off the side of the rim as time expired.

That gave the victory to Atlanta, which had lost to the Pacers in the playoffs the past two years. Indiana was ousted in the first round for the first time in three years in what may have been Miller's final game with the Pacers. He becomes an unrestricted free agent this summer.

SuperSonics 108, Rockets 75
The Seattle SuperSonics handed the defending NBA champion Houston Rockets their worst playoff defeat ever, storming to victory on Saturday Game One of their Western

Conference semifinal series.

Gary Payton scored 28 points and Sam Perkins keyed a pivotal run that bridged the third and fourth quarters as Seattle took a t-0 lead in the best-

The Sonics held Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon to a career playoff low of six points on 3-of-9 shooting, and used a 23-4 streak to break open a five-point game in the third quarter. Robert Hony had 18 points for the Rockets, who managed just 31 points in the second half. Houston, winners of the last two NBA files, shot just

32.5 percent (13-of-40) after the inter-"In the third quarter, we got a little impatient and a little sloppy," Rockets coach Rudy Tornjanovich said. "Let's just say the ball didn't go in the basket.

"The fast-breaking game caved in. It was a just like a dam hreaking and we couldn't store the water coming over

couldn't stop the water coming over us. We're going to have to regroup and understand what they're doing.

Shawn Kemp had 17 points and 12 rebounds as Seattle outrehounded Houston 52-36 on the way to their

largest post-season margin of victory ever. Payton edded seven assists for the Sonics, who made 25-of-45 shors in the second half.
The Sonics, ned with Houston 44-44 at the half, began their decisive burst leading 60-55 with 3:26 to go in

the third quarter. Nate McMillan hir a three-pointer and Perkins added a basket. Kemp followed with e three-point play to make it 68-55. Mario Elie hit a basket to snap the run but Perkins followed with another three-pointer for e 7t-57 lead with 40 seconds left to the quarter. Clyde

Drexler hit a 15-footer hur Payton ended the period with a basket for a 73-59 lead. Perkins and McMillan opened the final quarter with three pointers and Detlef Schrempf added consecutive

baskets for an 83-59 advantage with (AP, Reuter) g: 38 remaining. NBA PLAYOFFS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Last night: New York at Chicago
Tomorrow: New York at Chicago WESTERN CONFERENCE Seturday: Seattle 108, H Today: Houston at Seattle (Seattle leads series 1-0)

Czech Republic beats Canada 4-2 for World Ice Hockey Championship title

VIENNA (AP) - Martin Prochazka hroke a tie with 19 seconds left and Robert Lang added two goals as the Czech Republic bear Canada 4-2 yesterday to win its first gold in the world hockey championships since the country emerged three years ago from the split of the former Czechoslovakia.

Prochazka scored taking a pass from near the boards and ritled a shot past Canadian goaltender Curtis Joseph from the slot at 19:41 of the final period. Teammate Jiri Kucera scored into the empty net at 19:54 to complete the scor-

il don't recall the shot exactly, 1 just

tried to put in on the net," said Prochazka, who said he only knew the goal had gone in after the crowd of 10.000 people exploded - many of them Czech fans who had crossed the border just an hour's drive from the Austrian

"It was the higgest goal of my hockey

career and I'm not likely to get another one like it again," he added amid a dressing room hosed down with cham-

The Czechs - six-time world champions as Czechoslovakia - last won gold in 1985 and have finished with five hronze medals since then - the last one

They hammered the United States 5-0 in the semifinals to advance and finished the tournament unbeaten with just one tie and seven victories. The only hlemish was a 2-2 tie with Norway in pool

Ludek Bukac said. "Our team was really the best in the tournament."

In Saturday's bronze-medal game, the US defeated Russia 4-3 as Brian Rolston scored in overtime to give the "We were stable from the opening championships since 1962. Americans their first medal in these

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Fired-up Lindros leads Flyers past Panthers

Lindros, held without a shot in Game One, was on fire Saturday as he scored with 10:49 left to break a third-period tie and set up the other two goals in the Flyers' 3-2 win over the Florida Panthers.

The victory enabled Philadelphia to square their NHL Eastern Conference semifinal our series at one There was fire in his eyes before the game and right before. the first shift," said Flyers coach Terry Murray. His ability to keep his intensity out there, shift after

shift, was outstanding.7 Lindros's game-winner atoned for a penalty earlier in the third that led to Florida's tying goal. He took a drop pass from John LeClair at the right faceoff circle and flicked a wrist shot that deflected past goaltender John

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter) - Eric Rhen Warrener's teg.
Lindros, held without a shot in Avalanche 5, Blackhawke 1 Host Colorado buried backup goaltender Jeff Hackett under four_firstperiod goals and handed the Chicago Blackbawks their first playoff loss,

tving their Western Conference semi-

final at one game apiece. Valeri Kamensky, Craig Wolanin and Joe Sakic broke a franchise record by scoring in a 2.03 span midway through the first period and the Avalanche ended Chicago's fivegame playoff winning streak.

NHL PLAYOFFS
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Saurdsy: Philadelphia 3, Florida 2
Tomorrow: Philadelphia at Florida
(Series ted 1-4)
Last night: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh
Tomorrow: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers
(Pittsburgh leads series 1-0) WESTERN CONFERENCE Last right: St. Louis at Detroit (Detroit leads series 1-0) Seturday: Colorado 5, Chicago 1 (Series led 1-1) Today: Colorado et Chicago

Vanbiesbrouck off defenseman Eisenberg Jerusalem Open tennis tourney begins today

HEATHER CHAIT

THE \$50,000 Eigenberg Jerusalem Open, Israel's second biggest tennis tournament, with players from 16 countries, begins today at the Israel Tennia Center in the capital.

Top local player Eyal Ran (179.

tough first round match tomorrow

against the second seed Leander

Paes (133), India's top player, who returns to Jerusalem for his second successive year. In contrast to Ran's draw, Noam Behr (214) will play today against Owen Casey from Ireland who rose from the qualifying rounds after beating Yoni Erlich 6-3, 6-4

yesterday. Besides Ran and Behr, who are the only local players to gain automatic entry into the main draw, five other Israelis are competing. Eyal Erlich, Nir Welgreen, Amir

Hadad and Lior Mor were granted

wildcard entries, while Ofer Sela survived the qualifying rounds yesterday, beating South Africa's Chris Haggard 7-6(9/7), 6-4. Sela faces Brazil's Francisco Costa today.

Eyal Erlich and Hadad will also in the IBM/ATP rankings) has abe on court today, the former against qualifier Kevin Ullyett from South Africa and the latter against Colombian Miguel Tobon. Tomorrow, Lior Mor will meet the top-seeded Briton Chris Wilkinson (131) and Nir Welgreen will play Pablo Campana from Ecuador.
Prize money at stake is \$7.200

for the eingles winner and \$4,240 for the finalist. Play begins today at 1 pm and continues nutil the final on Sunday.

Tournament director is Danny Freiman and supervisor is Danny

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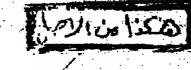
BASEBALL - Saturday's AL results: Boston 8, Toronto 7; Boston 8, Toronto 4; Tezas 3, Detroit 1; Baltimore 10, Milwankee 5; Chicago 11, New York 5; Oakland 5, Kansas City 2; California 5, Minnesota 2; Seattle 5, Cleveland 1. Saturday's NL results: New York 7, Chicago 3; Colorado 17, Florida 5; Philadelphia 3; Montreal 2, Houston 1; St. Louis 4, San Diego 3.

GRAND PRIX - Damon Hill beat defending world champion Michael Schunacher by 16.4 seconds in yesterday's Grand Prix of San Marino to give the Williams Remark team the fifth victory in as many World Championship races

HORSE RACING - Grindstone, under a furious whipping by jackey Jerry Bailey down the stretch, won the 122ad Kentneky Derby by a nose is a photo finish ahead of Cavonnier on Saturday.

Prince of Thieves was third 3³/₂ lengths behind the winner.

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL - Results Friday and Seturday of Sixth-AUSTRALIAN KULES FUULBALL. - Results Friday and Saturday of sixth-round Australian Football Lerique matches: St. Kilda 13.8 (86) def. Hawthorn 9.11 (65); Collingwood 23.14 (152) def. Adelaide 12.8 (80); West Coast Engles North Melbourne 7.8 (50); Richmond 23.16 (154) def. Fitzroy 9.8 (62); drew with Essendon 12.18 (90).



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CRITIC'S CHOICE

DANCE HELEN KAYE

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GEORGE Balanchine took music from Vivaldi and Corelli, and folk dance elements from the vigorons American West, and created Square Dance for the New York City Ballet in 1957. The Israel Ballet premieres the work locally at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center together with Harmonium and Dancing with Songs choreographed by IB artistic director Berta Yampolsky. Tonight at 8:30.

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HELEN KAYE

THIS year is the 100th anniversary of the premiere of Chekhov's The Seagull at the Moscow Art Theater (MAT). The MAT's current. production, directed by MAT artistic director Oleg Yefremov, will be at Habimah tomorrow through Thursday. On the mainstage at 8:30 p.m. (Russian with simultaneous translation into Hebrew).



Tchaikovsky's 'Eugene Onegin' will be performed by the Minsk Opera in Beit She'an.

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Minsk Opera, the State Opera of Belarus. opens this year's Beit She'an Festival with their spectacular beautiful and traditional production of Tchaikovsky's most beloved operatic masterpiece Eugene Onegin. Musical director Alexander Anisimov, one of the most sought-after Russian conductors today, is on the podium as the beautiful natural setting of the Roman amphitheater in Beit She'an serves as the locale for this most touching story of unrequited love. Tomorrow, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30, except Saturday at 9.

FILM -

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** SENSE AND SENSIBILITY - Emma

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Thompson stars with grace in Ang Lee's highly entertaining and big-hearted film. What's perhaps even more impressive, she also wrote the screenplay - and did a very fine job. Based on Jane Austen's first published novel, the script is a model of how a 185-year-old comedy of manners can be vitally adapted for the contemporary screen: There is, almost miraculously, nothing starched or prim about the movie. Thompson's rendition of Austen's measured book is faithful to the original without being slavish.

It is at once respectful and creative. And Lee whose The Wedding Banquet and Eat Drink Man Woman were two of the most surprising movies of the last several years - was an inspired choice to direct. While he shows great affection for the characters and the formal rituals that surround them, he's not hung up on the trappings. Quietly, responsibly, he attends to the costume-drama niceties of how his people walk and sit and hold their forks - but never to distraction. With an excellent cast that includes delightful, cameofaced Kate Winslet and smoldering Alan Rickman. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

HERDZĄZO

- I Flat belonging to a friend in which I wrote a short poem (11)
- 9 Fellow who shows reckless disregard for road speed (9) 10 Concerning a sailor who goes on strike (5)
- 11 Sounds as though this leader had a hold on his empire (6)
- 12 Distances travelled by Gisela and me (8)
- 13 Admits to causing someone to be involved (4.2)
- 15 Pole who catches up on
- contracts (8) 18 Making mock of Carol who
- has a foot problem (8) 19 Yearn for the Queen to have more time (6)

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- 21 This could get held up in bad weather (8)
- 23 Come to a conclusion but. sel nervous about it (4,2) 26 Returned to drop off skins
- 27 Steers first violin through a seating plan (9) 28 If you'll try my routes you
- won't know where you'll end upl (7,4)

DOWN

- 1 This is claimed to be remedial treatment (7) 2 An outlet for children (5)
- 3 No atropine is used in this surgical procedure (9)
 4 Close to being miserly! (4)
- 5 Apricot left to cook in a hot place (8)

25 Little girl and I went in the night before (4)

6 Escape from a lady of

7 Witnessas where the

cricket fan has been (7)

8 In favour of leaving and

14 There are difficulties with

16 Waggon Lily decorated brilliantly without a note

18 Ruin the salesmen who

20 One who takes it easy

22 Salts might watch races

24 First thing do it over again

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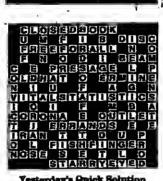
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French origin (5)

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17 Tends the slopes (8)



Yesterday's Quick Solution Bidet, 9 Infants, 10 Announcer, 12 Ale, 13 Adults, 14 Artist, 17 Gos. 18 Abasement, 29 Leggard, 21 Rager, 23 Chart. 24 Rescued. DOWN: 1 Cobra, 2 Nod, 3 Entrust, 4 Twitch, S Befor, 6 Tantalize, 7 Descert, 11 Neuralgia, 13 Angelic, 15 Roctors, 15 Madder, 18 Adapt, 19

DOWN

1 Chess move (6)

4 La Boheme (4)

28 Neckband (6)

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Route (6) 4 Divine food (5) 2 Honest, erect (7) 8 Small tree (5) 3 Damage, undernine (8)

9 Naval rank (7) 10 Heir beneficiary 11 Seebird (4) 12 Brawl (3) 14 All-male (4) 15 Jason's ship (4) 18 Tree (3) 21 Undemending (4)

27 Hand on, broadcast (5)

5 Tend (5) 6 Unwell (6) 23 Artist's studio (7) 25 Vegetable (7) 26 Very high (5)

7 Frolic (5) 13 Battle station? (8) 16 Profitable (7) 17 Blue-pencil (6) 19 Strongly masculine (5) 20 Petition to a deity

22 Motionless (5)

24 Myriad (4)

TELEVISION

E CHANNEL 1

6:30 News 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Revolutions in the modern era 8:30 Learning to read 8:45 Science of Nature 9:05 Nature 9:25 Sesame Street 10:00 On Second Thoughts -Street 10:00 On Second Thoughts – Worying 10:30 Sciance and Technology 10:55 English 11:20 General History 11:50 English 12:20 Physical Gaography 12:30 Social Studies 13:10 Quality of the Environment 13:30 Scary tales 13:40 Our Friends 13:45 Klity Cat and Tommy 14:00 Fables of King Babar 14:25 in the land of dreams 15:00 14:25 In the land of dreams 15:00

■ CHANNEL 1

15:55 Rex 16:20 Garfield 16:50 Zap to Dovele 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zap to hosting 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Sport magazine 19:00 News in

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 Every Evening with Merav
Michaeli 20:00 Mabat News 20:45
Popolitica 22:00 Danny Sanderson
23:00 Backtrack with Ehud Manor and guests 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day

E CHANNEL 2

13:00 Talking with Danny Roup 14:00 Edge of the Wilderness 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Super Duper 15:30 Trick or Treat – drama series 18:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 A metiter of time matter of time 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 It's a Deal 20:30 Zehu Zeh - Live comedy 21:40 Dan Shilon Live 23:15 Sirens - Police drama 00:00 News 00:05 Sirens continued 00:20 Starsky and Hutch 1:10 Summertime (1955) madly in love. Katharine Heptum and Rossano Brazzi. (99 mins) 3:20 On the Edge of the Shelf

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12:35 Feature film 14:15 Clips of the Unexpected 14:40 Growing Pains 15:00 Bonkers 15:25 Richie Rich 15:50 Bush School 16:00 Bustin

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ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 The Nile Still Flows 18:30 Panorama 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors Talk 20:00 Mabat News 21:00 Le Gens d'an face (1992) - a new Turkish ambassador arrives at a small porton the Black Sea and seems to be on a special mission. Starring Estelle Skurnik. (95 mins.) 22:35 The Big Match: USA vs USSR – documentary series on the two great powers of the 20th century

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Mathematics for Bagrut 16:30 Investigative Eye 17:00 Great Discoveries - cartoon series 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Jerusa the plastic arts 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Basic Arabic 19:30 Reflection 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Preparing for Bagrut 21:00 Medicina Demystified 21:30 Love Russian Style - documentary about Russian women seeking to marry American husbands; and American single men who come to Russia to find a reason to change their status. 22:30 Revolutions in the mod-

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 WRKP in Cincinnati 11:25 Celeste (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Melrose Place 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Married with Children 21:15 The Nanny 21:40 Mad About You 22:05 Frasier 22:30 Murphy Brown 22:55 Second Time Around 23:20 Mad About You 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Babylon 5 1:20 Hunter

10:30 Violation of Trust (1991) - (rpt)

12:05 Dedee d'Anvers (1947, French) - triangle between a bar singer, a jeal-

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

ous bouncer and his boss (86 mins.) (rpt) 13:35 Whose Line is it Anywey? 14:05 Marilyn and Mg (1991) - the story of Norms Jean Baker who became Marilyn Monroe (90 mins.) (rpl) 15:40 Love- Can Be Murder (1992) - a rookie delective and the ghost of an experienced one murdered in 1948 try to uncover the murderer. With Jaclyn Smith and Corbin Berensen (86 mins.) 17:10 Cross Creek (1983) – American author Majorie Kinnan Rawlings finds that her life and books change when she moves to Florida backwoods. Mary Steenburgen, Rip Torn, Peter Coyote, Directed by Martin Ritt. (115 mins.) 19:05 What's New at the Movies 19:15

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JERUSALEM

To Forget Palermo (1990) – James Belushi as New York mayoral candidate who favors legalizing drugs, which the Mafia doesn't like. Mirri Rogers, Philippe Noiret and Vittorio Gassman. Directed by Francesco Rossi (99 mins.) 21:00 Just Another Girl on the IRT (1993) - a black girl who dreams of studying medicine dis-

MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 Diamond Thieves-Relormed safecracker is ef, Edward Albert and Karen

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Lizzia Bee (rpt) 6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Lizzia Bee (rpt) 6:30 Peter Rabbit (rpt) 9:05 Ailce in Wonderland (rpt) 9:35 Nils Holgerson (rpt) 10:05 Punky Brewster (rpt) 10:35 Loony Tunes (rpt) 11:00 Saved by the Bell (rpt) 11:30 Little Univarsity – Encyclopedia (rpt) 12:00 Hugo (rpt) 12:45 Alvin and the Chipmunks 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 The Chipmunks 14:00 Detective Boogle 14:35 Alice in Wonderland 15:05 Nils Holgarson 15:35 Family Connections 16:05 Loony Tunes (rpt) 16:30 Saved By the Bell 17:05 Once There Were... Inventors 17:30 Hugo 18:15 Alvin and Inventors 17:30 Hugo 18:15 Alvin and the Chipmunks 18:35 Lizzie Bee (rpt) 19:00 Peter Rabbit (rpt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stirnpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jack 21:30 Cheers

covers that she is pregnant (95 mins.) (rpt) 22:40 No Child of Mine (1993) -

her Down's syndrome son, whom she

wants to give up for adoption to a family which has already adopted 11 children like him. Susan Blakeley and Patty Duka. Directed by Michael

the Beholder (1992) - an escaped psychopath plays a sadistic game of

revenge with a doctor (rpf) 1:40 Model

By Day (1993) - top model spends her days modeling and her nights fight-

ing crime. With Sean Young (B5 mins.)

mmy's parents go to court to adopt

man. (89 mins.) 00:15 Eyes of

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Death in Venice (1971, Italian) - Luchino Visconti's classic of Thomas Mann's novel of an aging musician who falls obsessively in love with a beautiful Polish boy he sees at the Lido. With Dirk Bogarda, Bjorn Andresen, Marisa Berenson (123 mins.) 00:05 Aparaţito (1957, Bengali) — Second part of Satyaţit Ray's Apu Trilogy (104 mins.)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Human Nature (npt) 13:00 Beyond 2000 (npt) 14:00 Open University 18:00 Human Nature (npt) 17:00 Beyond 2000 (npt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Wild Wild West 21:00 Travel Magazine 21:30 Floyd on Italy 22:00 Shadows on the Street 23:00 The Wild Wild West 23:50 Open University 23:50 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 Europe 2000 7:30 ITN News live 8:00 Today 11:00 NBC News Magazine 12:00 Dateline 14:00 Frost's Century 16:30 Morning Reports live from Wall Street 18:00 American Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN 18:30 F1 Business longht 19:00 fTN News 19:30 David Frost Live 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Frontal 22:30 fTN News 23:00 Atlanta Preview '96 00:00 The Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 The Best of Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 The Best of Later with Greg Kinnear

STAR PLUS

6:00 Aerobics 6:30 The Nanny 7:00 Beverly Hillbillies 7:30 The Vegetarian Kitchen 8:00 Video Fashion News 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steels 13:00 Tha Vegetarian Kitchen 13:30 Video Fashion News 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 14:30 The New Adventures of Lassie 15:00 The Black

Stallion 15:30 Batman 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Entertainment Tonight 17:00 M A S H 17:30 Ruth Rendell's Murder Mysteries 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Hard Copy 21:30 Hearts Afire
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and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Basketball Playoff (rpt) 19:45 Name of the Game 20:20 High Five - Upper Galilee vs Hapoel Jerusalem 22:30 English Soccer League 23:30

■ EUROSPORT

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Prisoners to be allowed conjugal visits every two months

PRISONERS will now be allowed conjugal visits once every two months. Internal Security Moshe Minister Shahal announced at a Jerusalem press conference yesterday.

In addition, a special center will be built at Ayalon Prison with rooms for the husbands and wives to meet, "with private bathrooms and showers."

The moves are part of a new ministry policy formulated in response to several court cases. Until now, the Prisons Authority had not set policy on the matter.

"Our general view is that the conjugal visits are an important part of the rehabilitation of prisoner, not just in the sexual conlext, but because of the importance of returning the prisoner to normal family life," Shahal said.

The decision at present only applies to married inmates. Palestinians being held for security offenses are not included.

THREE teenagers from a Lower Galilee settlement convicted of

raping a 12-year-old girl over a

one-year period were sentenced to

A fourth teenager, who was 13

at the time of the rape, was sen-

tenced to 18 months in a closed

friends may later also be granted the right to conjugal visits.

The decision immediately effect some 700 prisoners who are not presently entitled to leaves, and have already served six months.

Shahal also announced that lock-ups, where suspects are held before being charged, are no longer to be run by the police, but transferred to the Prisons Authority.

This was one of the recommendations of a six-month study aimed at finding ways to improve sub-standard conditions and prevent frequent break-outs at lock-

Our thinking is that Prisons
Authority officials are the ones
most qualified on the subject of holding not only prisoners, but also detainees," Shahal said. He said the transfer will be an important step in improving the treatment of detainees. The law

Four teens sentenced

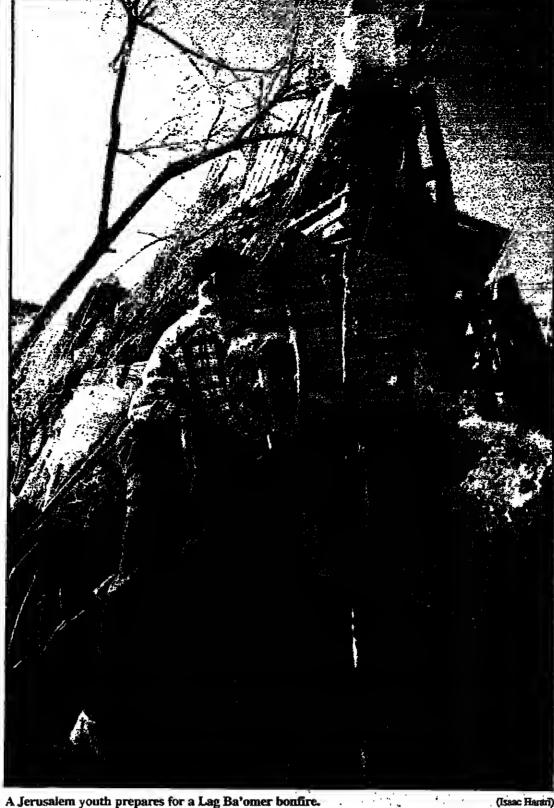
allows the police to hold a suspect for 48 hours before he must be brought before a judge, when his detainment can be extended.

The report also called for improvement in conditions in which detainees are held.

It called for the improvements to be made by January, "so the internal security minister can announce lock-ups meet the minimum standards defined in the

The conditions law under which detainees must be held are them-selves sub-standard, and changes must be made in the law to improve the situation, the report

Itim adds: Shahal also said the security forces have reliable information that Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Hizbullah are planning terror attacks to disrupt the elections. He specifically mentioned wanted lerrorist Hassan Salameh, whom he called a "walking time bomb."



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must be made from a handker-

chief or a piece of clothing. Do

not pierce skin blisters or apply

any ointments. If a spark enters

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MDA has dispatched 60 medics

to Mt. Meron to take care of any-

one who takes ill or is hurt at the

tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai, where tens of thousands of cele-

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Meanwhile the Hadassah-

In a separate incident, police

have arrested a Haifa resident in

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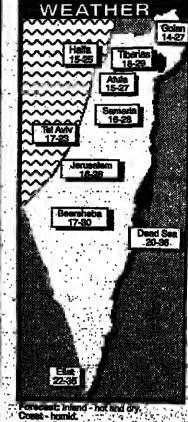
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Winning cards

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the eight of spades, aco of hearts, nine of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

Aloni announces tender for Arabic cable TV

COMMUNICATIONS Minister Shulamit Aloni yesterday issued a tender for a consortium to supply Arabic-language cable TV broadcasts around the country.

The applicants must have at least \$2 million in capital and file an application by September 3. · Aloni said yesterday that after

consulting with the Cable TV Council she decided to issue the tender for a national Arabic-language cable TV channel. The channel must broadcast at

least six hours a day and provide entertainment and information for the whole family. Judy Siegel

NEWS IN BRIEF

Five injured in plane crash

Five people were lightly injured in a light plane crash in Herzliya
last night. The Munis plane, owned by Nesher, which was carrying
three people, landed on top of a building. A firefighter who went to
rescue the passengers was among the injured, as was an 11-yearcold how Authorities said riles negligence had caused the accident old boy. Authorities said pilot negligence had caused the accident, and are still investigating.

Japanese deputy defense minister here

Japan's deputy defense minister arrived here yesterday for a two-day visit which Israeli officials hope will lead to increased cooperation and perhaps military contacts with the Japanese.
Yojiro Nakajima will also visit with a group of 45 Japanese Army observers in charge of logistics for the UN peacekeepers in the Golan. This is his first visit to Israel and he is being hosted by Israeli

counterpart, Off Orr. T he Defense Ministry said Orr and Nakajima discussed possibilities for defense cooperation between the two countries. Nakajima is to also visit Israel Aircraft Industries. Arieh Ö'Sullivan

Watch out for animals over the holiday

The Lev LeChai cat protection society is calling on the public to be particularly alert to cases of animal abuse over Lag Ba omer. In the past few years, there have been several cases of kittens and puppies being thrown into Lag Ba'omer bonfires by children and youths. Last year, Lev LeChai volunteers prevented a kitten from being thrown into a fire in Haifa. In Ramla a cat was tortured at a bonfire at which a child was later pushed into the flames.

Apart from appealing to parents and children to stop animal abuse, the group is also calling for volunteers to patrol sites where bonfires are being held. Details: (03) 605-5150.

Two pirate radios closed down

Communications Ministry inspectors have - for the 11th time closed down the haredi purate radio station Arutz 2000. The station has been broadcasting from south Tel Aviv on FM 102.6.
The inspectors confiscated equipment when they located the ille-

gai station on Thursday and transferred it to ministry storerooms because of lack of space in the Israel Police facility. Another team shut down another preate station, Star Radio, that has also been broadcasting from south Tel Aviv and been causing inter-ference in Ben-Gurion Amport's communications with aircraft.

Judy Siegel

for raping girl According to the indictment, he threatened to bear her and tell her who have denied the charges, will According to the charges, the The judges sentenced one of the

group began raping the girl at the beginning of the 1994 school year. prison by Nazareth District Court The three were among eight Not all of the eight took part in teenagers charged with raping the every incident, One of the boys befriended the

girl, and when she refused to have sex with him at his house, he raped her. youth institution. Sentencing for a fifth will take place at a later date,

He then demanded that she have sex with his friends.

teenagers, who was 14 at the time, to one year in prison; a second, who was 15, got three years; and the third, who was 17, five years. but will not have to start serving until he finishes his matriculation

All four sentenced yesterday were ordered to pay NIS 10,000 in compensation to the girl. (ltim)

eve at Ein Gedi. At the same time,

on the other side of the Dead Sea,

Jordanian youth are to light torch-

es for peace. Prime Minister

Shimon Peres, Education Minister

Amnon Rubinstein, and Histadrut

Chairman Amir Peretz are to take

The Nature Reserves Authority

has warned the public to take care

when lighting bonfires tonight,

especially because of the hot, dry

weather. Fires must be lit in

Fire-extinguishing materials must

part in the event.

Meuhedet forces patients to hire its staff for extra care

EVELYN GORDON

RESIDENTS of Kupat Holim Meuhedet's nursing homes have been required to hire health fund staffers instead of private nurses. if they want extra care, at a cost of thousands of shekels a month, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) said yesterday.

to nursing home patients who do not meet the health fund's criteria for 24-hour-a-day nursing care. but whose families wish to provide them with such care anyway. Formerly, ACRI said, these families were allowed to hire whatever private help they pleased, and to keep costs down, many chose to hire foreign workers.

About six months ago. however, Meuhedet announced that families who wanted extra care could hire only Meuhedet staff. Three families with members in one of the' fund's Jerusalem nursing homes thereupon complained to ACRI, saying the fees charged by the Meuhedet workers were several times those of the foreign workers they had hired previous-

Attorney Anat Scolnicov of ACRI refused to provide exact figures, but said that in some

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cases, the cost differential was as high as several thousand shekels a

ACRI also charges that this is a violation of the patients' rights. Since the nursing home is the patients' home, the organization said, the patients should have the please - which includes the right to hire whomever they wish to

provide extra care. Scolnicov said Meuhedet has since reached an agreement with these three families, but has not changed its stance in principle. As a result, she said, many other families are still being adversely affected.

Judy Siegel adds: Meuhedet spokesman Tal Rabina said that the rules barring outside nurses from Meuhedet old age homes protect residents from unsupervised helpers

"If someone hires a foreign worker to stay with the resident. we do not know their qualifications, the condition of their physical or mental health, or whether they will start a fire. Our nurses' payment rates are set according to the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry schedule for non-profit

Lag Ba'omer 'wedding day' begins tonight

HUNDREDS of couples will marry during the Lag Ba omer celebration tonight and tomorrow. New immigrant couples will take part in a joint marriage ceremony in Tel Aviv. Lag Ba'omer, the day the plague

that afflicted Rabbi Akiva's disciples ceased, is the day between Pessah and Shavuot when couples traditionally get married. Barbers will also busy on Lag Ba'omer, as three-year-olds

from observant families get their first haircut and adult men get Some 10,000 members of youth

groups are to take part in a Histadrut-sponsored pro-peace ldrch-lighting on Lag Ba'omer

Cabinet okays another 10,000 foreign workers

BATSHEVA TSUR

THERE are some 200,000 foreign workers here at present, half of them illegally, it was revealed at yesterday's cabinet meeting. This constitutes some 10 percent of the workforce.

The government nevertheless decided to allow the entry of another 10.000 construction workers, most of them from Romania.

The discussion revealed deep differences of opinion between the ministers. Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who had initially opposed bringing in additional workers, abstained in the vote.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid opposed the idea on the grounds that it meant pushing out Palesunian laborers and could also lead to numerous social problems. Finance Minister Avrahani Shohat, however, feli that the additional workers must be brought in, after Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said that housing projects are at a virtual standstill since the curfew imposed on the territories.

The ministers were also fold of the difficulty in putting an end to the phenomenon of illegal workers, most of whom enter the country legally, then "disappear,"

University Hospital in be brought to all bonfires. clothing. Place sterile wet and cold compresses on the burns and Jerusalem's Ein Kerem will dedi-Lighting fires in nature reserves or national parks is prohibited. call MDA (101) immediately. cate a new burn unit tomorrow. Husband being questioned on wife's murder

Magen David Adom urges par-

ents to supervise their children.

Every year, hospital treat a num-

ber of patients injured during

Celebrants should be especially

careful to sit far enough from the

fire and not in the direction of the

wind to avoid flying sparks.

If a person's clothing catches

fire, immediately roll him on the

ground or extinguish the flame

with a lot of water or a wet blan-

covered. Do not remove burnt

careless play at bonfires.

POLICE are investigating the death of a Haifa woman, apparently during a heated argument with her husband, at their home in the city's Neve David district in the early hours of yesterday morn-

Galina Katzinelson, 49, was found dead at her home, after apparently having been beaten and stabbed in the course of a

Her husband, Micbael, 50, was arrested by police and elaimed his

The police were alerted by the

JUDY SIEGEL and Itim

DAVID RUDGE wife had fallen during the fight. ..

> soldier, as well as by the husband. According to police inquiries based on reports from the daughter and neighbors, the couple tended to drink heavily and often had arguments which developed into fights. Galina Katzinelson's body was taken to the Abu Kabir forensic institute to establish the

couple's daughter, a 19-year-old

Jamchee questioned again

DORON Jamchee, captain of Maccabi Tel Aviv and the national basketball team, was questioned for

the second time yesterday by police and the tax authorities investigating 'dlegal sports betting. Jamchee was first questioned under caution on Thursday, after his

name appeared on lists found by the law enforcement authorities in raids last week on alleged leaders of the betting operation which, according to police, netted millions of shekels monthly. Sources said that Jamchee, the

first basketball player to be questioned following the investigation of 11 soccer players last week, is suspected of bening on games. He was released on bail.

He refused to talk to reporters, but sources said that ehecks signed by him and family members are being examined to determine if they were written to cover gambling debts.

Eli Driks, captain of the Maccabi Tel Aviv soccer team, and Noam Shoham, a player on the team, were also questioned yesterday. They said they had not been asked if they were directly involved in betting, but that police were anxious to find out about others who had bet and whether they knew if any soccer matches had been fixed.

Of the betting organization's alleged leaders arrested last week, only one, Joe Suzin, is still in custody. Authorities allege that he was the organization's banker.

Judges okay use of confession by suspected mafia murderer

TEL AVIV District Court yesterday rejected a request by accused murderer Oleg Ya'acoboy to hold a separate hearing on the admissibility of evidence which he claims was extracted under pressure. The judges ruled that he confessed to the police

plant or his cell of his own nee will, not under pres-

Ya'acoboy, 31, who plead innocent, is charged with stabbing and shooting his relatives. Sofia Moshayav, 65, and her grandson, Siblei, 21, last May 11 in their Ramat Aviv apartment, then beheading them. Their heads have never been found. The police and the District Attorney's Office believe Ya'acobov murdered them on orders of the mafia in Russia.

Defense lawyer Shmuel Fleishman told Judges

Dora Berliner, Zvi Garfunkle, and Sarah Gadot that shortly after his client's arrest last June, Siblei's father and uncle, self-confessed mafia leaders in Russia, arrived here and were allowed to meet with the accused in the police station.

According to Fleishman, they threatened

Ya'acobov, saying they would kill his relatives in Russia if he did not disclose where he had put the

After the meeting, Ya'acobov began to confess to the murder, and Fleishman said he did so only because he was afraid for his life.

The trial continues this morning, and Siblei's father Dimitri, who arrived form Russia last night, will testify for the prosecution.

John the Baptisi, has many churches. We will visit the famous Church of the Visitation, St. John's Church, and - the most peaceful place in Jerusalem - the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. The tour, which starts from the Spring of Minam at 9:15 a.m., lasts until 1:00 p.m. NIS65. ANCIENT SYNAGOGUES OF GALILEE After Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 CE, Jewish leaders fied to Eretz Yehuda and, after the Bar Kochba rebellion, to Galilee, where Jewish life began to flourish again. The tour leaves from Jerusalem, and picks up in Tel Aviv. Then we visit the Arbel, Tiberias, Kfar Nahum, and Pek in. The tour guide is Yon! Shapiro, and the cost, which includes entrance to all sites, a full lunch, and transportation in air-conditioned coaches, is Reservations and further Information: POB 7588, 14 Rehov Abarbanel Rehavia, Jerusalem 91074

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